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WOMAN'S WORK FOR WOMAN.

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THE "Old First" in New York disputes the palm with Exeter Hall, London. As we go to press, its organ is pealing, little feet are tramping up its aisles, and a children's missionary mass meeting is about to begin.

A LIFE of wonderful beauty and usefulness was that of Miss Charlotte M. Tucker, better known among us as A. L. O. E., who died at Amritsar, India, last December. In her fifty-fourth year she "turned her back upon all the pleasures of a refined English home," and, without once returning to it, spent the past eighteen years in "unceasing work, at her own charges, for the conversion of women of the Punjab."

RECEIPTS from the Woman's Societies, up to February 1, stand $6,730 less than at the same time last year, and there has been a total falling off of $38,000 in contributions, besides a larger reduction in legacies. We believe our workers will take this to heart and do what they can to alter the face of things before Mr. Dulles' books are closed, on April 30.

THE Woman's Board of the Congregational Church (centered in Boston) found their foreign missions treasury in danger of a deficit for 1893, and sent out the alarm to their Auxiliaries. As evidence of what a loyal constituency can do even in the face of hard times, $7,901 came promptly back in answer, making an increase of $4,420 over their contributions of the previous year.

THE Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Church asks its membership of 150,000 for a thank-offering of $150,000 this year, with which to mark their silver anniversary.

TWO of our contemporaries, *Life and Light for Woman* and *The Heathen Woman's Friend*, celebrate their twenty-fifth anniversary this month. Both these magazines have contributed nobly to the dissemination of right views of missions and to the enthusiasm and usefulness of the societies which they represent. We hope they will blow their silver trumpets till the millenial morning.

We particularly congratulate the *Friend* upon its able new editor, Miss Louise Manning Hodgkins, formerly Professor of English Literature in Wellesley College.

THE *New York World* having published charges preferred by one Dr. Karib against our missionaries in Oroomiah, Persia, Dr. Ellinwood answered those charges, one by one, but the *World* (save a brief paragraph) declined his answer "for want of space," while devoting three columns of the same issue to a prize fight.

The course of American missionaries in Oroomiah, past or present, needs no defense within the Presbyterian Church nor among Christian people in any part of the world, but our readers may find use for a printed copy of Dr. Ellinwood's paper, sent, free, on application to Dr. Labaree, 53 Fifth Ave., New York.

PERMIT us to whisper in the ears of our readers, that notes "To the Auxiliaries," which are found in every number of this magazine and purport to come from seven different cities — this is the secret — *do actually come from those cities;* they are not invented at the editor's desk. So, when you see a leaflet advertised in those notes, it would save time and money to order it from the society advertising rather than from WOMAN'S WORK, which has no leaflets at all. In the same way, if you live in Wisconsin or Michigan, and want a leaflet mentioned in "Chicago" notes, you can get it quicker by sending to Chicago than to New York or Philadelphia. The address of each Woman's Board is found in full on the third page of our cover, every month.

AND this, to a few subscribers in New York City. Yes, you can mail a single copy of our magazine, as a private individual, for one cent; but did you ever try to mail it as

a *publisher?* We must obey the law for *city delivery by publishers*, and put a two-cent stamp on every copy. No more postage would be required if it weighed six times as much. Several ways have been thought of by which we could save ourselves this expense: by reducing the number of pages so as to bring the weight under two ounces, by evading the law, by getting Congress to change the law, by inducing you to move over to Brooklyn or into Westchester County.

IN WOMAN'S WORK of June, 1890, under the caption "What Some Mexican Girls Have Done," it was told how young Bernabe Rodriguez had opened a school in Estancia, near Monterey, and two priests having smashed her furniture and raised an excitement, it had been necessary to call out a squad of soldiers to preserve peace. It will interest our readers to know that Bernabe and her school have been there ever since, growing in reputation, so that, last December, one of the best private parlors in the place was put at her disposal in which to hold examinations, and was filled with people from the best families, the Town Council also attending in a body. When the afternoon for the literary programme arrived, the courthouse itself was thrown open to the mission school and police acted as ushers. There were forty-seven girls in school.

A MEDIUM salary paid to Mexican young women in our mission schools is $200–$225 a year; to pastors, $300–$400; to a Bible woman in Mexico City, $135; in San Luis Potosi, where living is much cheaper, $72.

MAILS, travel and prices in Brazil are affected by the political disturbances. The teachers at Curityba were obliged to stay there all vacation, and calico of an inferior quality costs sixty cents a yard.

THAT Curityba schoolroom, which is chapel and preaching-hall as well, saw a beautiful Parana pine hung with Christmas gifts for the children, and a company of nearly two hundred people taking tea and cake together, socially. At Barranquilla, on the other side of the continent, Christmas entertainments were a brilliant success, though they had to construct a tree with boughs and twine.

FIVE Japanese girls graduated from the Joshi Gakuin, Tokyo, last summer. In 1894 they are found engaged as follows: Number 1, teaching mathematics in the same school; number 2, at Osaka, teaching kindergarten, playing the organ at services, helping in women's meetings, &c.; number 3, carrying on girls' school at lonely Takata; number 4, aiding in kindergarten at Tokyo and completing her English course; number 5 is probably married, as her teachers expected.

WHEN Dr. Mary Fulton returned to Canton last summer, she found that, during two years absence, her trusty Chinese assistant had not missed dispensing a single day. The Dr. divides her time between three dispensaries, through them and Sunday-school reaching hundreds of women every week.

ON November 28, Rev. Andrew Beattie, Dr. David Beattie and their wives made a long-projected start down the river from Canton and, after a ten days' journey, established themselves in their purchased Chinese house in the heart of the walled city of Yeung Kong, where there is not one Christian family, nor, save our friends, a single messenger of Christ. Mr. Beattie, besides preaching, teaches a Bible class every evening, of ten to twenty Christian men, the fruit of missionary tours in past years; Dr. Beattie holds a daily clinic at the dispensary, and the ladies have begun the colossal labor of instructing the poor women.

LAW in Chinanfu, Shantung Province, has its defenders. When the landlord blocked up a window in the school-room, and two of his workmen beat the boys and tore their books, Mr. Hamilton complained to the officials. Result: One man beaten at the *yamen*, a second standing two days at the street corner wearing a wooden yoke on his neck, while the landlord agreed to take down the offensive wall and give the school-boys a feast.

VILLAGE work near Lodiana, India, has its difficulties. Miss Wherry stayed at Jagraon till the end of July. In November, she was occupying two upper rooms in a house not yet dry, after terrible autumn rains which had swept off 850 houses in the district.

A LAO evangelist and invaluable helper, at Lakawn, has been called away from earthly service. He learned to read when past forty, and four years ago believed and was baptized. From opposition, his family were gently won to sympathy with his Christian faith and he died surrounded by his wife and seven children. "We all loved him" writes Mrs. Taylor, "Ai Nong is with his Saviour."

OUR MISSIONARIES IN MEXICO AND GUATEMALA.

AND POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.

Letters for the Northern Cities should be sent *via* Laredo.

Miss Annetta M. Bartlett, Apartado 247, Mexico City.
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Miss Ella De Baun, " 247, " "
Mrs. J. G. Woods, " 305, " "
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Mrs. W. F. Gates, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
Mrs. Isaac Boyce, Apartado 91, Saltillo, Mexico.
Miss Edna Johnson, " " " "
Miss Jennie Wheeler, " " " "
Mrs. C. Scott Williams, San Luis Potosi, "
Mrs. C. D. Campbell, Zitacuaro, "

ARE A MAN AND HIS WIFE ONE?

CERTAINLY they are, in some cases; certainly not in others. The law makes them one in some aspects; the Bible makes them one in others. Nevertheless they are still separate individuals, with distinct needs and capacities, to be met by appropriate supplies. Frequently, especially in these latter days, a wife has an occupation as well defined and absorbing as her husband, although the old theory has not yet quite gone out of sight that the husband is the bread-winner of the family. Perhaps on the whole, and as a rule of general application, it is well that this good old principle should still largely prevail.

But what place have these rather trite remarks in WOMAN'S WORK FOR WOMAN? Just this. The question has lately arisen again—which we had thought long ago settled and laid away among relics of the past—as to the position of married missionaries under the care of our Women's Boards and Societies. These have long been on our lists as supported by us, when lo! it is discovered that "they receive no salary of their own—in fact, they receive no money at all from these societies!" Thereupon the question is asked, with no small sense of injury behind it, "How is this? What becomes of the money paid for their support?" Possibly this question comes from a newer generation of workers, to whom the explanation has never been made.

So we go back twenty years, to the early days of our Presbyterian woman's work for woman. There were in those days, as there are now, thank God! some wives of missionaries who were doing quite as much active work among the women where their lot was cast as any of the single women sent out. They had schools under their care; they visited in zenana, in palace and hovel; they gathered and taught children or adults in their verandas or courtyards; in short, they were true, earnest missionary workers, as well as faithful wives. The thought naturally came to us, cannot we in some way bring *these* under the wing of our sympathy and care, as well as the single women?

The question was answered by a proposal from our wise Fathers and Brethren of the Foreign Board that we should be responsible for the difference of salary given to a married missionary over that of one unmarried. The wife herself would not receive money, any more than does the wife of a pastor or teacher in America, but the husband receives from the Board a larger salary because of his having a helpmeet in his life and work. And the women's societies pledging themselves to pay into the Board's treasury the amount given him as a married man beyond that paid to a single man, brought them into relationship, financial as well as sympathetic, with these wives. The latter are always consulted as to their wish in the matter, and are never adopted by us unless they express a desire to be received under our care.

There never was concealment in this matter, or pretence of paying a salary to the wife; on the contrary, a leaflet was printed many years ago, entitled *Married Missionaries*, explaining just what the arrangement was. To sum up what has been said—

A man and his wife are one, in the eyes of the Board; therefore the wife never receives a salary separate from her husband. But the wife often craves the fellowship and sympathy of women at home in her work; and by assuming part of the salary paid to her husband, the women at home win the right to give these to her in an especial, responsible manner.

We trust that this statement is clear to missionaries and to home workers, and that the complaint will not again be heard that Mrs. So-and-so has never received one penny of the money raised for her—yes, and *sent to her!* If, however, there are still points of obscurity in the statement which we have now made, and these are

indicated to us, we will endeavor to throw further light on the subject, while still maintaining that a man and his wife are one, on missionary ground as elsewhere.

Philadelphia. *M. H. P.*

The above statement also explains why readers now and then fail to find the name of some excellent married missionary in the lists which are published monthly in this magazine. The lady, probably by her own wish, is not in personal connection with the women's societies. On account of delicate health, absorption in the care of children, or for other reasons, she shrinks, perhaps unnecessarily, from having her name incorporated in the list of active workers.—EDITOR.

A VISITOR IN MEXICO.

THE whole of this trip has been so great a pleasure and such an education, not only in missionary matters but in countless others, that one could not refuse to try to share the experience.

It is wonderful how many things take on a new and deeper meaning from what one sees and hears in a trip of this sort. Mexicans are Oriental in many things and it is as good as studying a Bible dictionary,—or infinitely better—to see how the poor people do their work and the implements they do it with. The missionaries do not have to explain Eastern customs to the Sunday-school children, as we have to at home.

Pulque is brought into town in sheep skins, and one constantly sees little companies of burros, each one with what looks like a fat pig across his back but, instead, is a skin full of *pulque*, and where bottles of that kind are used "there is no difficulty in the parable of the new wine in the old bottles." Wooden plows here are almost exactly like those used in Palestine, and many scenes remind one of photographs taken in the Holy Land. The women go to the wells or fountains in the squares for water, and then carry their full jars home on their heads. One could not find a prettier picture than some of the old stone fountains, with a crowd of women and children in bright-colored clothes around it—all with graceful *rebozos* over their heads—waiting their turn to fill their jars. Often the rim of the basin is worn into deep hollows, in places where it is most convenient to rest the jars. In a great part of Mexico, water is the most valuable kind of property and, in the North, the drought has lasted so long that even mountain springs are drying up, so, when one travels for a day without seeing a river or other body of water, one understands for the first time the strength of the Bible references to "water brooks" and "sure waters."

The country we have been riding through to-day is by far the most beautiful we have seen. There are plenty of little brooks here, and the mountains are wooded to the tops. The sky is glorious, and though it is warm it is not hot. It is quite impossible to realize that it is February, with ripe blackberries along the road and the gorgeous red flowers that they call *noche buena* —Christmas Eve—(because it is said to open then) gleaming here and there.

But not everything in Mexico is beautiful. At first only the picturesque side appears. One notices the artistic sense of the people and a certain grace of movement that they have, and they seem only part of a beautiful whole; but, as soon as one thinks of them as men and women with souls that Christ loves as dearly as our own, the beauty fades away and we can think only of the ignorance, superstition, the misery and degradation of their lives.

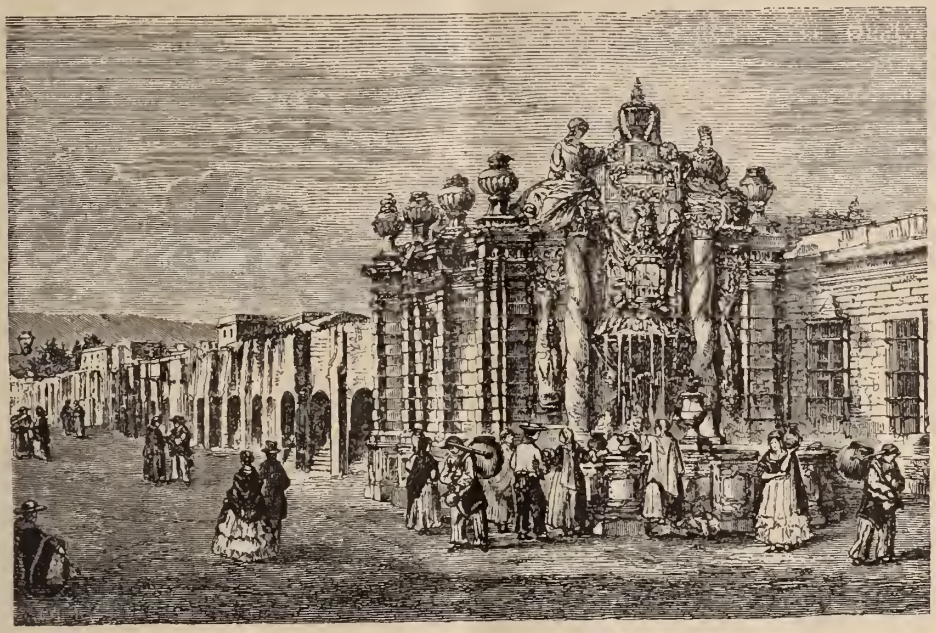
A young lady from Buffalo, who is traveling here, was very much surprised to learn that there were missionaries here from the United States. She said she had always thought this was a Christian country—what need was there of Presbyterian missionaries? No doubt a great many people at home think the same thing, but one does not have to see very much of Mexico to be convinced that the need is awful, of a knowledge of the simple truths of Christ's Gospel. Roman Catholicism here is not what it is at home, where it has the restraint and stimulus of comparison with other churches.

The priests that one sees here are fat and oh! so dirty.

"Such as for their bellies' sake
Creep, and intrude, and climb into the fold!
Of other care they little reckoning make
Than how to scramble at the shearers' feast,
And shove away the worthy bidden guest;
Blind mouths! that scarce themselves know how to hold
A sheephook, or have learned aught else the least
That to the faithful herdsman's art belongs."

Of course there are exceptions, but they are very rare, and the general system does not provide for honest, conscientious men.

Poor people in a church are given no help at all; on the contrary, there is a charge for everything — baptism, confirmation, marrying and burying. In some districts the charge for a marriage is fifteen dollars, and poor people who cannot pay it dispense altogether with the ceremony.



FOUNTAIN AT MEXICO CITY. TERMINUS OF THE OLD AQUEDUCT BUILT IN 1500, WHICH BRINGS WATER TO THE CITY FROM A SPRING IN THE CASTLE GROUNDS AT CHAPULTEPEC.

The churches are all beautiful outside, but inside they make one shudder. The tawdry decorations of paper flowers and brightly-colored images of the saints are bad enough, but the figures of Christ are too horrible to describe. One does not wonder in the least at the increasing number of infidels among the educated people. That any one can believe in such a Christ as is shown to them is a wonder.

It may be interesting to know that in the Roman Catholic catechism the Ten Commandments are given with the second omitted altogether, the fourth changed to "Thou shalt sanctify the feasts," and the tenth split in two, to make up the ten.

In Mexico City, as one goes about in the evening one sees little red lights hung outside the houses. They have been blessed by the Bishop, and are supposed to keep away sickness. Holy water, they say, removes venial sins and drives away the devils, and so one is bound to use it with great faith and devotion! In San Luis Potosi, on the day when the priest blessed the animals—the *fiesta* of St. Antony the Abbot—some children came out on the balcony from which the animals were sprinkled, and were playing with this same *holy* water while the priest was in church.

That baptism of the animals was the most curious thing we have seen in Mexico. Every one brought a pet animal, and all day long the plaza in front of the church was crowded. There were donkeys, cows, pigs, horses, goats, sheep, birds, cats—every domestic animal, and all were adorned to the utmost. Dogs had tufts of colored tissue paper pasted all over them, pigs and cows were painted the national colors, roosters had gilt paper crowns, horses had gilt paper pasted all over their hoofs and harness; one cat had a dress made of pink and white brocaded silk, and they all looked as fantastic as a dream. For several days afterwards, one could see traces of their unusual decorations on the cats and dogs that ran about the streets.

This is an old Aztec custom which the Spaniards changed into a church festival.

Although Mexicans think baptism so im-

portant, the priest will go to no trouble to baptize children on the ranches. People living there and in villages where there is no church, either have to let their children go unbaptized or carry them long distances to the priest. If a child dies unbaptized, the poor mother is taught that there is no hope for it.

As one can readily see, it is very hard to make people who have always been familiar with the form of the Gospel understand the full and infinite truth and power of it, but when they have once grasped its meaning, the difference in their lives and homes is the best proof of its power.

It is very hard not to be able to speak Spanish, and to have no way of telling the people what is in one's heart.

The more one sees of the work here, the more one admires the men and women who have given their lives to it, and the more sure one is that God is very really and powerfully in it. After such a glimpse of real missionary work, one feels as if one's interest in it before had been nothing.

I wish there were time to write about the many interesting people we have met in the Protestant churches, but if this is to reach New York in season for the March magazine it must go at once. It has been written after a twenty miles' horseback ride over the rough mountains. . . .

(*Mrs. Robt.*) *Emma Bailey Speer.*

Zitacuaro, Mexico, February 3, 1894.

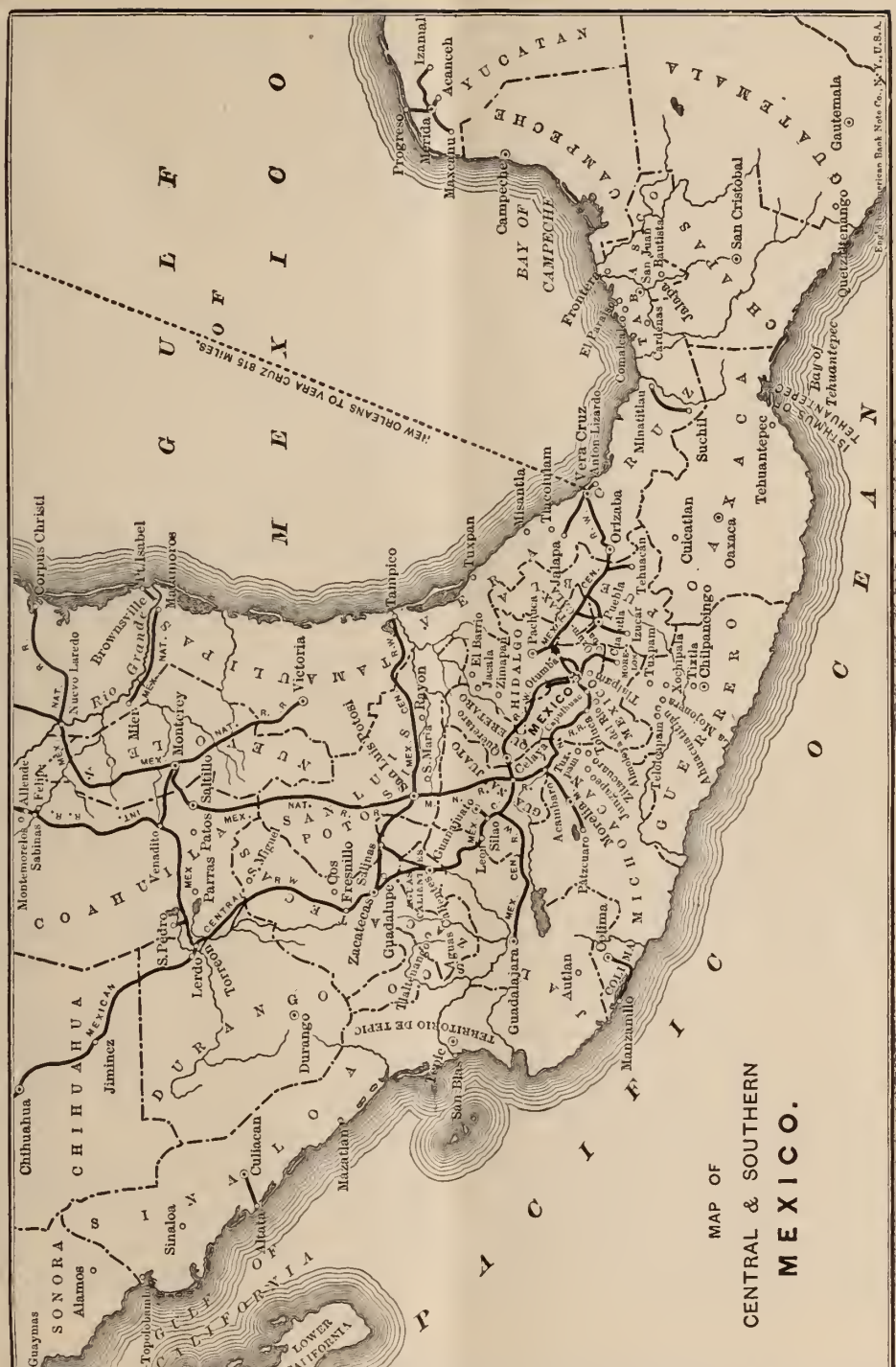
A LIVELY NEW STATION.

ZITACUARO*, STATE OF MICHOACAN, MEXICO.

PERHAPS you would like to hear of the first Christmas entertainment ever given in a Protestant church in this section. Christmas night the Sunday-schools in San Francisco and here united to make a Christmas for the children. We appealed to Miss Bartlett, in Mexico City, who sent us some songs from the new Hymnal, and we drilled the children for more than a month previous. They came regularly to the house, twice every week, and learned seven entirely new songs; five prepared recitations, and seven small children had an exercise. Each child wore a gilt letter on a piece of white cardboard which was bordered with ruching, some of the handiwork of Mr. Rodriguez. These letters spelled the word *Navidad*—Christmas. Each one recited a verse of Scripture commencing with the letter he wore, and appropriate for the occasion. Then each named his own letter, and all together pronounced the word. We had to make it thus plain or half the congregation would not know that the letters formed a word. When the night came, whole families of children and parents walked from San Francisco. We had planned to commence at six o'clock; most of the children came at five. The members of our woman's society had made some pretty candy bags, and we filled them, though before all were full we were afraid our fund would give out. All the candy is very heavy, because fresh. I could not find any popcorn, and so had to use candy at twenty-five cents a pound. We had sent for some cards with Spanish texts, and gave each guest one of these. There were two small trees, one in each corner of the front, and, through the energy of Mr. Rodriguez, we had a large platform trimmed with plants and flowers. One of the elderly men of the congregation brought a quantity of wild flowers and vines. The church was so full that most of the children sat two on a chair, and some people had to go home for want of room. After the programme, the candles on the trees were lighted, to the great delight of the elders as well as children. When they began calling out names, the children did not respond either quickly or loudly, and so the bearers did not know where to give the bags. Mr. Campbell then rose and woke them up. He would call the name and tell the children to stand up, and, on finding the owner, would toss the bag to him, just as we do in the United States. But I wish you could have seen the interest displayed just at that moment. I noticed old men and women with their chins up, their eyes and mouths wide open, and the eyes of the children fairly danced. There were about ninety bags. Of course some children were absent, and so, at the close, I gave all that were left to poor ones who were not members. It almost made us think we were home again, to see how nearly we could imitate the old-time Christmas.

Sunday-schools are doing well. We began here in Zitacuaro November 12, and in

* See map and compare with "Letters" in January issue.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San Francisco, 26th. Here were eighteen the first Sunday, and there twenty; now, in the two, there are ninety-three names, and last Sunday all but sixteen were present. The two schools contributed $3.06 before the new year. I want to give a tenth of that to the Mission Board, and the rest of the money toward buying a picture chart, for which I have sent. It can then be used in these two schools, and some of the neighboring towns, by using the lesson of the Sunday before, can enjoy them also.

The sewing society now has fifteen members, who come to the church every Friday afternoon and take turns leading a prayer-meeting, and some of them do it very nicely, though it is hard for them to leave forms and get down to real earnest and informal talk about Christian living and Christian work. After meeting we come over here to our house and cut and sew children's clothes. Quite a number of women have come begging, and I have set them to sewing on the clothes for small pay. In this way we can sell the clothes very cheap, and give some work to the needy, and the women feel that they are doing something for God's poor, though if you should see some of them I am sure you would think they themselves are poor enough. But I must tell you now that not all the faithfulness is in the United States. Two of the women twice could not come on Friday afternoon, and so came on other days and sewed faithfully for two hours.

Patients keep coming, and our fame is established as doctors who heal without pay, but in Christ's name. In a country where they name their children "Jesus" and "Trinidad," and their streets "Holy Ghost" and "Calvary," it is difficult to make them realize that the name of "Jesus" is holy to us, and that for His sake we are willing to do these things. We have had almost every kind of disease among our cases, and have always found "Humphreys' medicines" very good, but it is rather expensive doctoring the whole pueblo on them, so, with the use of "Doctor Gunn," we have found several remedies which are cheaper.

Last week Mrs. Ballastra, wife of the San Francisco preacher, and I, went calling. I found her an admirable help in pastoral work. We would get the names of the whole family, and found out if the children came to Sunday-school, and then I would read a passage from the Bible, thus finding out whether they had a Bible, and then she, or some of the family, or all would pray. I can hardly trust myself to offer prayer in Spanish, publicly, yet, though we have begun at home, and have the servant, a nice girl, and her two small sisters unite with us. It helps us to hear her pray. This morning I am going over to San Francisco to call on some of the church people, and dispose of some Bibles if possible, for very few of the families have them there. There were two gathered into Sunday-school from our calls last week. I hope we may find as many this time, and more.

The young lady who is to teach the school has arrived, and the whole town, except the priest, are looking forward with interest to this wonderful school we are going to have. Our only fear is that it will be too large for our accommodations. There is much need of a high school here, where pupils from the whole district could come to get preparation for the two schools at Mexico City. But that is one of the things we have to look forward to, for some time. Mr. Campbell is having a new roof put on this building, so that when we get into the other house this will be in good condition for a school-room. It has one very large room, which we have divided by a cloth partition to form sitting-room and bedroom.

I have written details, but it is often the small things that really report the work, and it seems as if we owe it to you to keep you somewhat informed.

Mr. Campbell is very busy with the two houses, and it surprises every Mexican to see how he makes things move. He has to attend a conference of ministers in this district next week, and has an address in Spanish to prepare for it.

I am surprised beyond measure to have finished this without an interruption. Perhaps the shingles being thrown from the house frightened people away.

Myrtie T. Campbell.

Zitacuaro, January 3, 1894.

EVANGELISTIC WORK IN MEXICO CITY.

Mexico City is by far the most important mission center in the Mexican Republic. Five Churches have mission work here; our own is probably the most extensive. We

have seven congregations in different parts of the city. One, San Pedro y San Pablo, has been under the care of Don Panfilo Prieto, teacher in the Seminary, students and missionaries helping him in the preaching. The other six, Divino Salvador, Santa Ana, San Jeronimo, Verdeja, Lerdo and Guerrero, are under the direct personal supervision of Rev. Arcadio Morales, a spiritually minded, active and untiring worker. He has just handed me his report for the year 1893, from which I cull the following facts.

In addition to ordinary pastoral work, he has made regular visits during the year to three hospitals and four jails, one of which is the military prison. The law does not allow us to hold services, but he has conversed with the prisoners and distributed papers, tracts and portions of Scripture. He reports a number of hopeful conversions. Also, by omitting hymns and formal prayer, he has secured permission to start a Sabbath-school class in one of the jails. The teacher is a convert, who makes careful preparation, using our Spanish lesson helps. He has on the average about forty scholars.

One of the inmates of the Asylum for the Blind, a young woman, is a church member, and has succeeded in awakening an interest in the Gospel among her companions, three of whom now come with her regularly to our services. They readily learn the text by heart and remember a large portion of the sermon. We hope this will prove the beginning of a work of grace among the blind.

A man in the poorhouse, blind and for five years a paralytic, has been converted through Mr. Morales' visits and study of the Bible, which is read to him by a friend, a pauper like himself. This man declares that were it not for his faith in Christ he would long ago have committed suicide.

We have four day schools, under efficient Mexican teachers, in which we also give instruction in the Bible and catechism, and Mr. Morales in his weekly visit teaches the Sunday-school lesson with the illustrated chart. Many children of Roman Catholic families are thus taught Gospel truth.

We have seven Sabbath-schools in a prosperous condition. One was recently opened by Mr. Prieto in Manzanares, perhaps the most abandoned district in the city, and already has eighteen pupils, nearly all from Romanist families.

Some twenty-seven persons work under the direction of Mr. Morales and your missionaries in Mexico City, most of them without pecuniary recompense. Over $700 have been raised the past year by the people themselves for Christian work. Of this amount, $140 has been contributed to the Mexican Home Mission Board, organized some three years ago by our Presbytery, which supports a young Mexican missionary in Tenanguillo, in the State of Guerrero. About 40,000 tracts and newspapers have been distributed, some of which were donated by Messrs. John Menaul and Robert Grant, well known in the Spanish work in the United States.

The spiritual condition of the congregations in the City of Mexico has been better than for many years previous, and more interest has been shown by our Mexican workers. This is evident in the fervor of the prayers and remarks in our Saturday morning ministers' and teachers' meeting, which has been well attended.

Thirty-six members were received into the Church of Divino Salvador during the year, nearly all on confession of faith, and of these, twelve had been baptized in infancy. This is a significant fact, showing that many of the present generation have grown up under wholly Protestant influences. One of those received is a cadet from the military academy of Chapultepec, who, in a society where almost all are careless and many are openly godless, leads a consistent Christian life.

I wish I had time and space in which to speak of many other aspects of the work under my supervision, of our paper "El Faro," of classes in the Theological Seminary, and numerous out-stations which I visit in the course of the year, as well as of the work under direction of Messrs. Wallace and Woods. It is a grand work, and we all feel that we are entering upon a new era, and with every promise of the divine blessing.

Hubert W. Brown.

They had a bright Christmas Eve in Guatemala City, where the song-loving Spanish children rendered well the pretty chorus for which Mr. Haymaker had written the words. They beg for a sacred song-book in Spanish.

COMMENCEMENT AND GRADUATES AT MEXICO CITY SCHOOL.

For nearly a week we held public examinations, and then followed Commencement. A large majority of the girls merited such per cents. as will please their parents, although the average intellect in this country is inferior to that of the cultured nations. During the time I have been in the school we have had a few girls of French, German, English or American extraction among our pupils, and they have almost invariably shown a marked superiority, in nearly all branches, over Mexicans.

Commencement was a joint affair, including the graduates of Tlalpam * Theological Seminary and our Normal school. Notwithstanding that it rained, both when we were going and returning, the church was filled. There were five graduates from our school, about each of whom I should like to tell you something, and all of whom, I hope, may speedily be provided with opportunity for Christian work in the mission. All entered the school when quite young.

The one who probably deserves most honorable mention is Julia Cejudo, who among other things is the best Bible student in the school. She received the prize offered by Mr. Woods in that study. It consisted of a copy of the Bible, newly translated by Mr. Pratt, and ten dollars. The last she immediately devoted to paying for a class picture. She is soon to be sent to Zitacuaro to teach. She has an extremely meagre wardrobe and no books nor other commodities, and will begin to support her mother and little sister as soon as she is established in teaching. She is a capable, large-hearted child, and has always been helpful outside of regular school work. In Zitacuaro she will be under the care of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, who were lately stationed there. Does not some Society want to adopt her as its representative?

Another of the graduating class is Victoria Nuvillo, one who from the beginning has always presented most perfectly prepared lessons and has never overstepped the rules of the school in any way. She is a model of neatness, and stands at the head of her class in nearly all her studies. She taught during this last year, and the children learned to love her. On hearing of her prospective departure from school, one of the dearest little girls we have wept through a large part of the commencement exercises. Victoria will probably be placed in charge of one of our schools here in the city, where two other graduates, of two years ago, will continue with the schools they have faithfully and successfully taught.

Marta Morales, the eldest daughter of our minister, also graduated. She is a devout girl, has a very desirable disposition, and is in every respect worthy of our confidence. Her sister next younger is a more brilliant scholar, in fact has one of the best minds among our girls, but Marta is lovable, a girl whom every one trusts and who is pretty sure to be a success in teaching.

Antonia Juarez, another member of the class, has been president of the Christian Endeavor Society during the last two years. She has done very well in her studies and is an earnest, sensible girl, of respectable and rather intelligent parents. She has shown particular aptitude for methods of teaching. Best of all, we have every reason for believing her a sincere Christian who will work for the spread of the Gospel.

There still remains one, Herminia Mesa, who has always worked hard, and during the last year or two has spent all the spare time she could command observing others, in order to learn how to teach herself. Her perseverance and interest have never abated. During the four years I have been here she has never asked the mission for clothing, although her mother is a poor servant in a family here, whose wages are only four or five dollars a month.

Of former graduates I have already referred to two. A third is teaching at San Lorenzo, in the valley of Mexico, and we hear excellent reports of her. Another is teaching in Ozumba. Two others, sisters, are in Guerrero,* in the midst of a war. They were in Ozumba,* and left because the minister and they could not agree; it often happens that people here cannot work in sympathy with each other.

Several girls from our school joined the Church this year, of whom one was the little girl who wept for Victoria's leaving.

By the completion of the new rooms we are provided with a hospital, which will be a great protection against contagion, and, at the same time, renders greater the chances of recovery for the patient, by allowing free ventilation.

Ella DeBaun.

* See map p. 63.

A CONTINUED WORK.

An article in March number of *Woman's Work for Woman* * last year gave a short account of one of the girls in our Mission normal school in this city. Amalia Fuentes was her name, Parras † her native place. I spoke of her having been converted in the school, and of her readiness to testify for Christ on her return home. I wish now to give the sequel of her faithfulness.

In February of 1893 I visited Parras. Amalia Fuentes had returned to school against the will of her father—in fact, almost ran away from him. I told her before leaving Saltillo that I was going to Parras, and she asked me to take a letter to her mother, which I did, and we had a long conversation. The mother was in very poor health, and said as I was leaving the house: "I fear I shall never see either my daughter or you again; in case it should so happen, my earnest request is that you keep Amalia and never allow her to return to her home." I answered that I could not bind myself in such a way, as her father was living and had full right to bring her home at any time. She answered: "I am her mother, and know what will be best for my daughter," adding, "You are the only man I have ever known who has not lied to me, and I know you will deal truly with Amalia."

During the following eight or nine months I heard only occasionally from the family. In November I again visited Parras, taking the girl to her home. I had considerable conversation with the mother, and found that her daughter was earnestly urging her to leave the Romish Church and be received into our communion. A test was presented. A little brother had been born during Amalia's absence in school, and although seven or eight months old he was not baptized. The mother had steadily refused to baptize him in the Romish Church, but a renewed effort was now made, and she resolved upon the baptism, if her daughter would go to church as godmother. This Amalia positively refused, and the child remained unbaptized and, according to Rome, outside the pale of grace.

The mother spoke to me about her son, a bright boy of fourteen, desiring me to bring him to Saltillo and educate him. This I could not do, as he had no thought of studying for the ministry. I said, however, that I might be able to get him a scholarship in the State College, and would see about it on my return. To this she would consent only on condition that I be responsible for him. This I agreed to, and without difficulty secured the scholarship a couple of days after returning to Saltillo.

On the 9th of last January I was again in Parras, in company with the committee sent to Mexico by our Board. With Dr. Richards and Mr. Speer I called on this family. We found them grief-stricken. Small-pox had invaded the home, and the unbaptized baby had died. The poor mother was greatly distressed. She was not yet sufficiently free from Rome's trammels to be at rest about her dead child. We talked with her for over a half-hour, and as we spoke of the ever blessed Lord who took little children in His arms, she all at once cried out, "Oh! is my baby not in limbo?" We assured her that her child was at rest in Jesus; that no such place as "limbo" existed. She replied eagerly, "I believe you; it is only a lie of the priests." We had considerable conversation with her about her children and she expressed herself as overjoyed with what we had done for two of them, and laid stress on the religious training we had given the daughter. "In two years," she said, "Amalia has learned enough to be my teacher, although I have been all my life in the Roman Catholic Church."

As we were about to leave the house she said her son and daughter would be at our services in the evening. I asked if she also would not attend. She hesitated a minute, and said, "I never have attended a Protestant service, but if I can get my younger children to bed in time I will come." She thanked us with tears in her eyes for the comfort we had given her, stating that she now had no fear for her child, that she could trust him with Jesus. That the leaven of God's word and spirit is working in her heart is evident. The current of divine grace seems in this case to have turned backward to bless the mother through her child, not, as ordinarily, descending from parent to child. Yet its working is just as certain as when through ordinary channels.

Isaac Boyce.

Saltillo, Mex., January 17, 1894.

* See, also, note in April, 1893, p. 90.

† West of Saltillo, see map, p. 63.

WOMAN'S WARD, CANTON HOSPITAL,

OUR pair of cuts show the hospital ward divided (for convenience of our pages) through the aisle in the middle of the room. Of the patients under treatment when the photograph was taken, one had been suffering from stone, which Dr. Mary Niles removed, and, for another, she had amputated a cancer of the breast. The women standing about are not nurses, but friends of the patients who have accompanied them to the hospital to care for them. In the foreground at the right, a mother is shaving her daughter's eyebrows, not in preparation for a surgical operation, but to increase her charms. There were four hundred and fifty-three patients in the woman's ward in 1892; the Report for 1893 is not yet received. The following medical notes are taken from Dr. Niles' letters:

"Canton, Nov. 12, 1893.—Business has kept us pretty brisk this week. Was out nearly all of one night. Had two calls before daylight next day. Following day had a call at four A.M. Fortunately it was close at hand and a case that could be attended to immediately, so that I got home at six. Miss Butler and I have been planning a trip for several months. We had called the boat, arranged for the Chinese women to go with us, got a lunch and ordered an early breakfast; so we were glad not to be cheated out of going.

"The day was just delightful. We went with the tide and required only two rowers, so it was far more comfortable than at other times when I had to go without reference to the tide and with four strong rowers. We read and knit and talked till we reached the place. I had been there several times before, to see patients. Finding the people friendly, I had hoped it might be an opening for a school.

"We had a crowd of followers when we arrived, and invitations to go here and there. We had only two hours and a half to stay, but we went all about in answer to as many invitations as possible. The people were bound we should wait to eat, but when a man said if we did not hurry we might be belated on the river and there were numerous pirates, they gave in and made a road to let us out through the crowd. At five minutes after two we were in the boat, and at 5.30 back in Canton. We rented a house for the school and hope for a good work there. We shall see. I promised to go down from time to time.

"Nov. 13.—I had a case to-day which

UNDER CARE OF DR. MARY WEST NILES.

took three precious hours. I went into the city this morning to see a child of one of our members. These calls, with the medical class recitations, and various odds and ends, have taken up my whole day.

"November 21. — Business has continued pretty steady of late. I was trotting the most of Sunday. One baby boy came to a Wesleyan Chinese family. I took a student to each of two places and went back and forth from one to the other. In this way I got a part of both morning and evening church service.

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"Yesterday, Dr. Ruth Bliss spent all day on a steam launch to attend a patient forty miles away in the country, while I had my Sabbath quietly at home. We had hospital rounds till half-past seven; hospital prayers at nine; Sunday-school at half-past two; church service an hour later. I have for my Sunday-school class working women in and about the hospital. After dinner, a little meeting with Mrs. Kerr's hospital school. At four o'clock it may be necessary to see some important case but, generally, my good A Kwan can attend to all that is necessary. At seven, English service."

TESTIFYING TO THE GRACE OF GOD. III.

AN AFRICAN WOMAN.

THE last week of May we were called to part with two of our Christian women, their warfare accomplished, their victory won. One of them, Ndaka, had suffered many years patiently the sickness and suffering laid upon her. Again and again she was tempted to use heathen medicine, which held out a false promise of relief but which is so mixed up with heathen superstition as to be inconsistent with a Christian profession. She was always ready with her simple faith to resist the evil and wait upon the Lord. It was during the first year of her illness, after we had talked together, that we knelt in prayer and asked the Lord so simply, to come to her and permit her to touch the hem of His garment that she might receive healing. In those days it seemed to me as though it must be the Lord's will to heal her. But poor Ndaka suffered on.

When we left her to go to America on our last furlough, her grief was great. The Lord led us back, and we were so glad to minister to her. Her wants were few: a few fish, a little kerosene for her lamp, once in a while a clean pillow and, what you will scarcely understand, a few leaves of tobacco, were sufficient for temporary needs. Then we held frequent prayer-meetings in her little hut which always gave her joy, and

she was always so glad when the school children came to sing to her, and ready and hearty with her thanks.

Now, all her wants and sufferings have found an end and she is at rest, for which we are so thankful. We are grateful to our God also that we have had the privilege of witnessing this new proof of His faithfulness and mercy towards one of these little ones.

Louise Reutlinger.

IN A KURDISTAN VILLAGE.

LAME JOSEPH.

Kēyat is a little village on the edge of the mountain plain of Gawar, in Kurdistan. The location is beautiful, and tradition says that opposite, under the lofty range of Jelu mountains, is the site of an ancient city which was destroyed by a wonderful Abdullah Omar, who said his morning prayers in Damascus and returned to fight all day against this city. Just back of Kēyat, according to the same versatile authority, was a great vineyard in still more ancient days, which was watched by Shamil Shâh and his beautiful daughter from their castle on the mountain peak, five thousand feet above.

But all this is far and away from Kēyat, which is only a bunch of mud hovels, half under ground, without as much as a single vine. The visitor is struck by two things as he sees the people: one is their wretched poverty, naked and hungry in a land that ought to give abundant sustenance; the other is their quarrelsomeness which, in this instance, most unfortunately finds the chief object of attack in the man who has represented the cause of Gospel light and liberty. We need not doubt that this deacon, who was for many years the preacher in the village, is better than most of his accusers; but his harsh, unhappy face shows that in spite of the Christian teaching and example of the sainted missionaries whom he knew in his schooldays, the good seed was long ago choked by ugly briars.

Among the crowd of men is one figure stranger than the rest, a head with grizzled beard, and stout body supported on a couple of short sticks, while his legs drag uselessly on the ground. Helpless and ragged as he is, Lame Joseph's voice is the cheeriest of all, his laugh the loudest and his eye the brightest. For years he has lived by the charity of the deacon, whose stalwart form and unhappy face are in contrast to the cripple's useless limbs and happy expression.

The seed was sown long ago. Some was dropped by the wayside, and, lo! an oasis sprang up; some was sown with care, tilled and watered, and when one came to gather grain he found only thistles. Such is the lesson of mingled encouragement and sorrow to be read in Kēyat by the worker for God's kingdom.

The life of Lame Joseph is an interesting one, as he tells it. Some sixty years ago he was born in the wild, independent valley of Tiari. When Dr. Grant built his house in Âshîtha, hoping to establish a missionary residence there, Joseph was a little boy playing about, and one day scalded his foot by stepping into the great dish of rice porridge brought for the masons' dinner. His pain sent him crying to the good doctor, whose kindness the child knew very well. Each day he used to gather for Dr. Grant wild flowers growing along the ice-cold streams and among the nettles and thorns, and was rewarded by a lump of sugar. Then came the terrible massacre of Bader Khân Beg, and Joseph fled with his parents to the Tigris Plain for safety. Here he found work with Layard in excavating the ruins of Nineveh. Joseph earned extra coppers by catching frogs and crabs to satisfy the palates of Mr. Layard's French associates —a fare which no money could have hired the hungry boy to share. The rest of his life is easily told. An accident destroyed the use of both feet, and he was thrown upon the charity of others. He finally found a home among relatives in Kēyat, and for years has lived there, teaching the children to read and giving an example of cheerful endurance and happy submission to the orderings of Providence.

This is a simple story, perhaps scarce worth the telling; but, after all, the fruits of the Spirit are exemplified best in such lives, and every such an one is a garden spot in the desert.

Oroomiah, Persia. *Wm. A. Shedd.*

A JAPANESE WOMAN PHYSICIAN IN COURT.

A VERY interesting case in connection with our dispensary has just been settled. Some time ago Dr. Hishakawa had a case of typhoid fever. She promptly reported it to the proper office, but as no one from the Health Bureau ever came to attend to it, as is their custom, she went quietly on treating the case till she was ready to report the patient well. She was then confronted with the question: "Why have you not reported this case? You have made yourself liable to a heavy fine and suspension from practice." Doctor replied that she had complied with the requirements but her report had received no recognition.

The messenger left, but returned another day saying nothing could be found to substantiate her statement; "there must be a great mistake." The Dr. insisted, and called upon the messenger who carried her report, to tell when and where he took it. Then it came out that he had dropped it in the wrong box although in the right office. The men in charge denied receiving the document and, the following day, Dr. Hishawaka was waited upon by an upper official. He opened his business by saying: "This matter will involve not only you, but the office, in much unpleasant trouble and expense, so we desire to hush it up and I have come to ask you to say that you made a mistake in diagnosis."

"But I cannot do that, for my diagnosis was not a mistake."

"Oh, certainly not; but for the sake of shielding yourself from further publicity, I advise this course. If you cannot admit this, say the mistake was due to your student."

To this latter proposition the Dr. equally objected, and the case was taken to court. The trial occupied a part of two days. Dr. Hishawaka had for her lawyer a Japanese gentleman who, though not a Christian himself, has an earnest Christian wife and a friend of Doctor's. When her counsel made his defense he said: "Had I no proofs whatever but the word of this woman, it would be sufficient, for the reason that she is a Christian and cannot be induced to tell a falsehood. She has received her education in Christian schools, her medical education in Christian America, and her word is *good*. She is a fit example of what I wish many of our women were; she has devoted her life to the good of her sex and of little children. She is known and trusted by all the people in the northwestern section of our City. *She is a Christian.*"

This and much more was said in her behalf, and the evidence was so clear that the court acquitted her.

Sarah K. Porter.

Kyoto, Jan., 1894.

LETTERS FROM THE FRONT.

MEXICO.

MRS. BOYCE wrote from SALTILLO, Jan. 18, 1894:

We have had a rare treat, these days, of a visit from two members of the Board—Dr. Richards, of Plainfield, N. J., and Mr. Robert Speer, secretary, and accompanying them Mrs. Speer. After visiting our field here and in Monterey, they took the stage for Zacatecas. As the trip is a very hard one, especially for a lady, they left Mrs. Speer with us for ten days. How much we enjoyed companionship with one like her, words fail to express.

A WORD FROM THE CHURCHES.

During the past year Mr. Boyce made the usual rounds of his field, and in all the congregations interest has been good and the workings of the Holy Spirit manifest, especially in this Saltillo Church, where fourteen adults have been received to the communion. In San Felipe* twelve adults were received, making a total of fifty-four during the year. Some sixty children were baptized.

An encouraging feature has been a decided advance on anything heretofore done by our churches in the direction of self-support. In Allende,* where nothing has been done toward the preacher's salary, they have raised $94.50, besides bearing all incidental expenses of light, etc. In San Felipe a congregation of forty have purchased their own lamps and benches, paid four dollars a month for rent and about sixty dollars on salary; and so in the different congregations of the district. We have thankful hearts for the encouragement that has been ours the past year.

SALTILLO GIRLS' SCHOOL.

MISS WHEELER, who, after five years' continuous service in the boarding-school at SALTILLO, took a six months' furlough last year, writes as follows:

I returned in time for the closing examinations, and found everything in good order. Miss Johnson, with the assistance of Miss Lulu Blake, had a very satisfactory year. The girls showed excellent training.

It is customary to invite teachers from other schools and persons interested in education to examine the classes at the close of the year. We had several professors present from the State University, and from the Methodist and Baptist Schools. Only two of the girls failed.

The spiritual condition has been excellent. Thirty-two of the forty house-pupils are members of Church, two having united in 1893. The remaining eight are rather young. The twenty-five day pupils are mostly primary scholars. All but six girls went home for two months' vacation in the winter. One of the six served as nurse-girl in an American family all vacation. Another, by doing drawn work, was earning enough to support herself next year. The others helped to clean the house. An adobe house soon gets dilapidated. . . . .

AFRICA.

MRS. LAFFIN, who left New York in April, 1893, wrote from BATANGA in November:

. . . . You spoke in each letter of the prayers being offered for us in our work. When my husband went to the Bule country he left me in bed. During his entire absence, the thought of the praying, sympathizing ones at home comforted and helped me as you can scarcely understand.

Between my being ill and getting settled, constantly looking out for white ants that destroy a trunk of clothing, sometimes, in a few days, and for mould which gathers on books and clothes in spite of watching, with my housework to look after besides what I have been able to assist in the dispensary, letter-writing has been shamefully neglected. Now, with one side of the porch fitted up as a dispensary, and so that work taken outside the house, and being myself more accustomed to living here, I am expecting better things in this line in the future. Our dispensary work includes everything in the medical line, for we have no hospital. As "Mamma Doctor," perhaps God lets *me* get into the hearts of the women, especially, though they have great confidence in Dr. Laffin.

A HEATHEN MOTHER'S GRATITUDE.

Among Doctor's first numerous patients was a boy, perhaps twelve years old, with a frightful foot. After persistent treatment it was entirely well. Not long after, the boy's mother, who lived in a town five miles distant, came with a bunch of bananas and a small fowl for the doctor, gifts in themselves of little value, but, with the gratitude of that heathen woman's heart, of intrinsic value.

* See map.

OTHER PATIENTS.

Some cases were so pitiful. One old woman, entirely blind for years, came expecting to be healed with one dose of medicine. She could not be helped at all. An old man came, saying his "feet no fit to work, his back no fit to work, his hands no fit to work, his heart plenty fit to work; couldn't 'Mr. Doctor' give him something to make him well?" Of course such could only be pointed to the City where none shall say "I am sick."

The case that has touched and pained my heart more than any other was that of a young man poisoned by eating a certain wild yam. He, with two others who were said to be Christians, were brought to the house, as their condition was so critical as to need Dr. Laffin's constant attention. Though so near the other world, he was perfectly conscious. I told him as simply as I could of Jesus' love, and each time was met by the same half moan, "Oh, my heart so bad Jesus no fit to love me." Through skill and prayer Dr. Laffin was enabled to slowly bring him, with the others, back to life. Four in the town died before assistance could reach them, this young man's wife among the number. Before going back to his town he promised to give himself to Jesus and be a real Christian. Their town is not near, and I do not know if he has kept his promise.

MRS. ELIZABETH PERRY, one of the Liberian workers, wrote from JOHNSONVILLE, Nov. 24:

A little Golah girl about six years of age had been given as security for debt. By the direction of Providence I found it out about a week of the time that payment was due. Some of her people told me about it, and asked me to redeem her, for the man to whom she was given as security was a Kroo, who would sell her in the Kroo country for a slave. I gave him the money, and saved this girl from a life of shame. Hence, if I have not done anything else this year, I have by God's assistance rescued one girl from this damning slave trade. Liquor and the slave trade have been, and are still, the curse of Africa. This little girl, with proper training, can be made a bright woman.

I have lately commenced to go around among the towns to see them in their native life, and find that heathenism is low and degrading.

CHINA.

NEWLY ARRIVED.

MISS M. B. RITCHIE wrote from PEKING, Nov. 6:

I arrived at Peking Oct. 28, after a safe and very prosperous journey. I suffered from sea-sickness but slightly, and am quite well. I know I shall enjoy the work when I once become able to speak, or even to make my wants known. There is certainly need for all workers who can be sent. I have begun on the language; at present it seems an insurmountable task.

JAPAN.

MISS BESSIE BROWN wrote from YAMAGUCHI, Dec. 21:

School is to close to-morrow, and our twenty-one girls will be free to frolic. Thirteen of them will be at home or with friends, while eight will remain here with our matron. The latter, who is quite an old lady, has a very merry way at times, and I think they will be a happy, home-like circle.

We are in the midst of Christmas joys. We have had three street Sabbath-school celebrations within a few days. It has been as much of a treat to us as to the scholars. At one gathering the children sang several songs without the book. At one gathering where there were seventy or eighty children, a bright sunshine broke out just as the "sweet old story" was once again told. The day had been rainy. The sunshine in those eager faces thrilled us. As all the room was lighted up, so God can send light to each of those precious hearts. At another gathering this afternoon, eight growing boys recited several passages together, and again our hearts were deeply glad.

I go to Hiroshima to spend Christmas.

The carpenters are finishing the little home by the school, and I shall move right in beside my girls when I come back from vacation. We shall be happy all together. . . .

A CHEERFUL RETURN TO JAPAN.

MRS. HAWORTH wrote from KANAZAWA, Nov. 27:

We are again at home in Kanazawa, and it seems much more like home than six years ago. In Kyoto Mrs. Porter gave us a five o'clock breakfast, and at six we were whirling away toward Tsuruga. By twelve we were in our *kurumas* ascending the mountains, trying to reach Fukui by dark; but an adverse wind sprang up and dashed the rain in our faces, and caused our coolies to slacken their pace. When we reached Takefu it was pitch dark, and our men were worn out. We had come twenty-seven miles and had seventeen more to reach Fukui. There was nothing for it but to stay all night at a Japanese hotel. Our men took us to the best one the place afforded, and that was dreary enough, with the rain beating on the roof, no fire, our shoes off, an indescribable dampness in the atmosphere, and the prospect of sleeping on the floor. My sister had put a tin of cocoa into our lunch hamper when we left Chicago, and never before did cocoa seem such a luxury as that night. Because we were foreigners, we had two quilts to sleep on instead of one, and really I was so tired that I did not much mind the hardness of the floor and the fact that there was only one sheet, and that composed of two strips of coarse muslin, not even basted together. We started early next morning for Fukui in the rain, and rested there and had a good visit with the Fultons, leaving for Kanazawa about five the next morning, also in the rain. The roads are so bad

and crops so poor that the price for traveling has gone up, and the *kuruma* men asked us so much that we did not feel like affording a separate vehicle for the children, and so we carried them all the way, fifty-five miles, which was not very comfortable for them or us. I tell you this that you may see how strong I am. I had not even a headache when we reached Kanazawa.

We had the heartiest kind of a welcome, and went at once to the girls' school. We had to tear ourselves away when our house was ready. It is very pleasant, just right size for our little family; six rooms besides the kitchen, and they are not large rooms and hard to furnish.

Our boxes leaving New York October 7, will not reach us before March, because the little coast steamers from Tsuruga do not run during the winter months. We are going to enjoy Kanazawa in spite of the rain. I went to church yesterday in my rubber boots and rain coat, and not a bit worse for the rain. Last Tuesday evening the ladies at the girls' school gave us a most enjoyable reception. Next Thursday we celebrate Thanksgiving at Mrs. Winn's.

SIAM.

THE JOURNEY OUT AND FIRST IMPRESSIONS.

MISS ANNIE RICKETTS' first letter which has reached us, bears date PETCHABUREE, Oct. 4, 1893:

I have been here a month now, and am feeling very much at home. We had a delightful voyage from San Francisco to Hong Kong; also a pleasant little party of missionaries. Dr. Allen and wife were returning to Seoul, Korea, Dr. Mary Fulton to Canton, accompanied by her mother, and Miss Fleeson, who joined Miss Wilson and me at San Francisco.

Our voyage to Honolulu occupied one week, and we spent one day there at the home of Rev. Mr. Damon, who, by the way, always sends a kind invitation to missionaries on all steamers touching there, to welcome them to his home where they are most charmingly entertained, judging from our experience. In just two weeks after leaving Honolulu we reached Yokohama. The rain came down in torrents, so we spent most of our time in curio shops. Any one who can enter one of these shops and leave it with a full purse need fear no temptation he will ever meet. Everything is so absurdly cheap, when compared with home rates, and we thought we had never seen any really beautiful china before. We left most of our passengers here, including Miss Fleeson, whom we missed very much. She was advised strongly by Dr. Mary Fulton to remain a month or two in Japan.

From Hong Kong, where we remained three days, Miss Wilson and I were left to finish our journey alone. It seemed to me the city was a good illustration of the character of the Chinaman. The buildings are all constructed of stone, most substantial looking after those of Yokohama, and they have such a cold, immovable appearance, characteristic of the nature of the builders. We did not have much time for sight-seeing, as we bought most of our furniture there, but we learned a great many of the peculiarities of the Chinamen, especially of the jinrickisha men. They always know much better than their passenger how long they have been out and how much their fee should be.

We did not enjoy to the full the remainder of the journey to Bangkok. It was during the typhoon season, and we found it necessary to remain in a horizontal position nearly all the way.

We received a warm welcome in Bangkok, where I remained a week. There were quite a party of us coming to Petchaburee: Mr. and Mrs. Eakin and Miss Eakin, who were here to help Mr. McClure in a series of meetings, and Miss Hitchcock, from Chieng Mai, who is here for her health. I took the fever the evening before leaving Bangkok and was ill with it two weeks, but am very well now.

I am wrestling with the Siamese tones, and think when I begin teaching again I shall have a great deal more patience with the unfortunates who never pronounce correctly. I find Siamese people much more likable than I had expected. The little ones are as cunning as can be, and many of them quite pretty. I can only give my first impressions. The people seem to have little stability of character, but they cling so tenaciously to their superstitions that if they were only won for Christ, and would cling as closely to Him, a wonderful work would be accomplished. They have the most curiosity; when they come to call they walk around the room, examining everything and inquiring the price of anything they especially admire, and they will go through every room in the house if you allow it; but the missionaries tell them that it is not our "custom," and as they are such adherents to custom themselves, they respect ours.

Miss Galt and I live in the girls' school, and board at Dr. Toy's. Our rooms are just opposite each other, so we never feel we are alone.

A NEW USE FOR TOWELS.

Nov. 9.—You have all unpacked your winter wardrobes, and are wearing your warmest clothing and shivering over your fires. If you find more natural gas than you need, I wish you would send us some, for our cool season has just begun and we, too, are searching trunks and boxes for warm clothing. But we have no fires at all except in the kitchen, and a kitchen in Siam kept by native servants is quite different from the kitchen at home. The Siamese are also searching their boxes for something to wrap around bare, brown shoulders, and those who can come out draped in gorgeous Turkish bath towels are the envy of all their neighbors. These towels are their only covering at night. The little ones who before wore only golden or silver anklets, bracelets, and perhaps a hat, are now wrapped in towels or rags.

HOME DEPARTMENT

PROGRAMME FOR APRIL MEETING.—TOPIC, INDIA.

"India is too fair a gem to adorn any but the brow of Christ. It was one of her own sons who, touching but the hem of Christianity's garment said, 'None but Jesus; none but Jesus; none but Jesus ever deserved this bright, this precious diadem, India, *and Christ shall have it.*'"

Scripture Text; "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth."

Hymn.—"Jesus shall reign."

Bible Reading.—Encouragement in Prophecy and Promise.

Ps. 2 : 8.	Isa. 45 : 23.	Ps. 145 : 13.	Dan. 7 : 13, 14, 27.
Ps. 72 : 8—11, 17.	Phil. 2 : 9—11.	Dan. 2 : 44.	Heb. 1 : 8.
Isa. 40 : 4, 5.	Isa. 52 : 10.	Dan. 4 : 3, 34.	Zec. 14 : 9.
Lu. 3 : 4—6.	Jer. 31 : 34.	Lu. 1 : 33.	Rev. 11 : 15.

Prayer.—For greater faith and more earnest effort on the part of all Christians, that the final triumph may be hastened.

Early Missionary Work in India.

(Historical Sketches. Lives of William Carey and Henry Martyn in *Miss. Review*, May and June, 1892; Alexander Duff, *Missionary Annals*, Woman's Board of the Northwest.)

Later Sowing and Reaping.

(Leaflet "The Lone Star," Am. Baptist Union, Tremont Temple, Boston; *Ch. at H. & A.*, Dec., '93, p. 438, and Jan., '93, p. 19; *Annual Report, Ch. at H. & A.* and *W. W.*, April, '94.)

Prayer.—That our Missionaries may be endued with power from on High.

A Crisis.

(*Ch. at H. & A.*, March, '92, p. 202, Apr., '93, p. 271.)

The Women of India.—Widows. Higher Education.

(Leaflets, "Woman's Rights in India," "What is a Zenana?" "Woman Under the Ethnic Religions." *Ch. at H. & A.*, Apr., '87, p. 370; *W. W.*, Apr., '91, and July, '93.)

Prayer.—Missionary Hymn.—Last two stanzas.

YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN. *Caroline S. Weed.*

We greatly regret the omission of the signature to the Programme furnished last month by Mrs. Jane W. Jones, of Piqua, Ohio.

INTEREST AND OBEDIENCE.

"I AM never going to another missionary meeting; I am not interested, and never was, so what's the use?"

This evidently honest remark, to say the least, was made by Mrs. Joram, a lady who from personal attachment to the President of the Woman's Missionary Society in one of our churches had been induced to help in serving the "tea" at the close of a meeting. A little band of the participants still lingered. The dear little President, with a half grieved and pleading look, turned to a friend standing near and said: "Mrs. Olden, do help me; I so want Mrs. Joram to be interested, and she has been very good and helped us beautifully to-day with our tea."

"Does Mrs. Joram profess to be a Christian woman?" whispered Mrs. Olden aside.

"Oh yes; she and her daughter are both church members."

"Then I do not believe she has quite a correct idea of what missionary work really is. She has some twist in her mind about it," and Mrs. Olden turning to the first speaker, said:

"Mrs. Joram, are you sure you understand really what we are trying to do in this missionary work?"

"Well, my aunt has talked and talked to

me, and I never can get interested, and there's no use in pretending to be."

"But, Mrs. Joram, you love our Lord Jesus Christ, and you know He says, 'If ye love Me keep My commandments,' and His very last command of all was that we should give His Gospel to all the world. Do you think we have any right to choose what command we will obey and what not?"

"Well, no; but I can't get interested. I came to-day to please Mrs. Green—she is so sweet and good—but I am not coming any more."

"Oh, yes, you will," replied the little President, "I am going to see you and talk to you," and bidding each other goodby, the friends parted.

The following Sabbath the pastor took for his text, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," making an earnest plea for world-wide missions. At the close of the service Mrs. Olden turned and found Mrs. Joram standing just behind her. With a cordial grasp of the hand the latter exclaimed: "Why, Mrs. Olden, that was the very text you gave me."

"And it was a good sermon we had; was it not?"

"Yes; and I am just going straight ahead and help things all I can. Perhaps by and by I'll *get* interested."

"Mrs. Joram, do you take *Woman's Work for Woman?*"

"Well, no."

"There is nothing like concentrating information on this subject to get interested in it. *Woman's Work* costs only fifty cents a year, and I think you would enjoy taking it."

"Well, I should think I could afford that, and perhaps it will help along."

"That's right, Mrs. Joram; go right straight ahead, and *do* all you can to help on this great work, and the *interest* is sure to come."

Mrs. Olden turned her steps homeward, musing on all that might lie enfolded in the simple word "obedience."

M. P. D.

A CROSS QUESTIONING OF THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

In visiting Christian Endeavor Societies two facts appear. First, their enthusiasm to take up missionary work; second, how few know how to set their enthusiasm at work. In order to accomplish anything you must first discover what you do know, your deficiencies, and what is needed.

What is it you do not know about this missionary work? Do you know how vast is the world? Do you know where money is most spent, and where there are most laborers? Do you know where your own denomination is working? Do you know the hindrances and encouragements in each land, what each needs most, and how money is coming or not coming into the missionary treasury? What proportion of *all* your own money goes to bring the true Light to the unenlightened nine-tenths?

(The average giving is 50 per cent. spent upon your own town, 48 per cent. on the rest of the home field, and 2 per cent. for Foreign Missions.)

Let the Missionary Committee come together and ask themselves these questions. If *they* do not know the answers how can they properly present the need of knowledge and money to all the society? For, before giving comes knowledge. The only gifts that can be depended on are those prompted by the knowledge that keeps itself informed continually of the exact state of the object given to.

In your society how many are taking and reading the missionary magazines? If you cannot all afford separate subscriptions, have you a Missionary Magazine Club which circulates missionary information among all the members as do other Book Clubs? Are you using as much zeal in this direction of information and cultivation (and there is nothing so cultivating as seeing and knowing the whole world) as you would in a literary society? Do you think missionary intelligence merely means statistics of stations and converts, and that such knowledge alone possibly could interest any except statisticians?

Have you a plan of study for the months in the whole society (for of course you see how impossible it is to do good work without one missionary meeting a month), or does each leader have entire freedom of choice, as long as the meeting is "missionary"? Preconcerted action secures success, *i. e.*, true interest.

Plan to become well acquainted first with the land where your money goes, for, until

one is truly interested, "special objects" are invaluable. I would like time to tell the story of our Chinese boy at Tungchow, and the influence exerted on both sides the world by the interchanged letters, especially that one saying Tang had given himself to Christ, "for I have no doubt you have been praying earnestly, and this is in answer to your prayers. And now you must pray the more earnestly that he may not have the idea that he has done all that is necessary." Tang has done for us what no indefinite giving ever could have done.

I have known societies to spend a year on India, Persia, China, Africa, as the case might be. One month would be given to a general survey of the land; then native and foreign government influences; the home life of the people; a month for their religions; work of the mission press, and the history of Bible translation there.

Have you taken up the romance of missions? Have you been reading of long journeys by jinrickisha in Japan, wheelbarrow or cart in China, *taktravan* and *kajaveh* in Persia, *dâk* and *gharry* in India? To know of those wearying journeys, when our brave pioneers have been out for weeks, spending days, sometimes, as in "Starvation Camp," near Eui Ju, Korea, but, whenever and wherever, always feeling "I may not pass this way again," and so the Gospel message must be told to each newcomer. Ah! this is to get but one view of the sacrificial life so many lead to make Christ's comfort known.

Or, have you looked up how sick people are treated where no medical missionary is: stuck with red-hot needles as in southern China, poor little babies often lacerated with sharp sticks as among the Lao people; and other horrors one can scarcely hear of, but which our missionaries must live among?

Have you taken up the daily life of the people, their homes, occupations, wages, their general surroundings, the special effect their particular religion has on them? If you study any one of these topics and pursue it each month in the country for that month, you will have great increase of interest. "Mission Stories in Many Lands," a book costing $1.50, is helpful here, and "Little People of Asia," by Olive Thorne Miller, which costs somewhat more. Your missionary library should have both.

"We always have the monthly concert at our church prayer-meeting," has been said as excuse for having only one or four C. E. missionary meetings a year. But on questioning various members, it appears they consider if their pastor conducts the monthly concert and they *listen*, their duty is done. One must seek information for himself.

Do you hunt up the places referred to on your map? "Where is Zenana?" some one asked. Though no town in India is without one, no map could reveal the fact. Hunt up the meanings of words. It is often difficult, but the harder the hunt the more worth while. "Flowery beds of ease" are not for workers. Of course you use maps always in your society. They are indispensable. Rule No. 1 for missionary workers is—*Have a map of the world always in view whenever you meet.*

Have you ever given yourself the privilege of a letter to some missionary whom you know only as a far-away worker? Do you realize the encouragement such a letter might carry to a lonely, distant, unknown co-laborer? Will not each member in your society promise, and write, one such letter a year? If your society is so divided that each member is one of a group studying a special country, this letter is easily arranged. The leaflet "Christian Endeavor and Missions" explains this plan. Often answers do come, and then interest increases in hearing from "Our Correspondent in China."

When Mrs. B.'s name was on the calendar for Mexico month, we prayed especially for her, while Miss W. wrote to tell her of it. Quicker than seemed possible came an eight-page, closely written reply.

Oh, the pleasure of a letter from Korea, acknowledging some cards sent, pretty cards rescued from scrap baskets, that yet in a little northern village had enabled Mr. M. to gather a class of thirty boys for Bible instruction! Our fragments if gathered up would fill many baskets. Is it not the duty of the Missionary Committee to see "that nothing be lost"? What becomes of your old Sunday-school papers, infant school roll-pictures? In China those pictures could often gather audiences to hear for the first time of Jesus.

> "There's a work for me,
> There's a work for you,
> Something for each of us *now* to do."

Is each member of your society interested, and if not, how many can you interest by personal talks? We want all the money that can be given; but first we need the

consecrated interest that interests as many at home as possible, and yet has the consecrated common-sense that seeks first similarity of interest, keeping any difference of view as much as possible in the background, that knows the "time for everything," that prays and does not faint, that has patience because

> "Right is right since God is God,
> And right to-day will win.
> To doubt would be disloyalty.
> To falter were a sin."

And finally, does each individual of your society pray for some distant worker? "Prayer is the unused power of the Church." In your society does C. E. mean CHRIST EVERYWHERE, and Cultivated Enthusiasm?

Christian Endeavor and Missions and *Maps and Money* are two Christian Endeavor leaflets, to be had at 1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

Germantown, Pa. *V. F. P.*

BOOKS RECEIVED.

Autobiographical Sketches and Personal Recollections. By Geo. T. Angell.

The Strike at Shane's. A Prize Story. Paper, 10 cents.

The latter is for children, and both are published by the American Humane Education Society, Boston, and have the excellent qualities of all their publications.

FLORENCE CRITTENTON MISSIONS. (Woman's Temperance Pub. Assoc., The Temple, Chicago.) Price $1.00, postage 15 cents.

This book introduces the reader to thirteen rescue missions, in different cities, all bearing the name of the same innocent, sainted child of the founder, and gives sad testimony to the need of such rescue work.

SINCE LAST MONTH.

ARRIVAL.

January 13.—At San Francisco, Mrs. R. M. Mateer, M.D., from Wei Hien, China. Address Chambersburg, Pa.

DEPARTURE.

January 17.—From New York, Miss Celia J. Riley for Barranquilla, Colombia, S. A.

DEATH.

October 28.—At Miraj, So. India, infant son of Dr. and Mrs. Wanless.

To the Auxiliaries.

[For address of each headquarters and lists of officers see third page of cover.]

From Philadelphia.

Send all letters to 1334 Chestnut Street.

Directors' Meeting first Tuesday of the month, at 11 A.M., and prayer-meeting third Tuesday, at 11 A.M., in the Assembly Room. Visitors welcome.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Assembly of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church (Philadelphia) will be held in the Second Church, Scranton, Pa., on April 25, 26, preceded by a prayer-meeting, Tuesday evening, April 24.

According to the by-laws: One delegate may be sent from each Presbyterial Society, each Auxiliary Society, each Young People's Branch or Band. A cordial invitation is also extended to all Christian Endeavor Societies working with us to send delegates. We are looking forward to a meeting of great interest, and hope for a large attendance. A number of missionaries are expected, among them Mrs. John Newton, of India, and Miss Charlotte Brown, of Syria, as well as the editor of *Over Sea and Land.* Rev. G. W. Knox, of Japan, will address the Popular Meeting Wednesday evening. Do not miss this Missionary Feast, but come yourself or see that your Society is represented.

WHILE the ladies of Scranton acquiesce in the action of the Society by which it was decided that delegates should pay their own expenses for entertainment, they extend a most cordial invitation to all delegates, as well as missionaries, to accept hospitality.

APPLICATIONS for board or entertainment at annual meeting must be made, not later than April 10, to Mrs. C. W. Kirkpatrick, 337 Monroe Ave., Scranton, Pa. Any delegates not wishing to accept hospitality will be entertained at the Wyoming House. Information in regard to hotel rates and reduction in railroad fares will be given in the April magazine.

TREASURER'S books close April 20. Timely and valuable help will be given to the probably deficient treasury if every Auxiliary and Band will watch that no balances are carried over for their next year's work.

THE five meetings held at the headquarters of our Society during the Week of Prayer were all well attended, and the programme of subjects as previously announced was carried out. Thursday, the special missionary day, brought a rich treat in the presence of five missionaries: Mrs. Newton and Miss Fullerton, of India;

Mrs. McCandliss, of Hainan, China ; Miss Ballagh, of Japan ; Miss Brown, of Syria. Their brief messages brought the large company of women who listened into close and tender sympathy with the missionaries in their varied experiences, and all through the week the burden of prayer and thought was that by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, workers at home and abroad might be made more truly "workers together with God."

We have a limited number of *Reports of the Woman's Missionary Conference* (price 20 cents) held in Chicago Sept. 29 and 30, most valuable and interesting reading.

Miss Ellen C. Parsons' comprehensive paper presented at the World's Congress of Missions is also ready, 3 cents, 25 per dozen.

Some Methods of Work, price 1 cent, 10 cents per dozen, made up of suggestions gathered from various sources, will be helpful to new Auxiliaries and inexperienced workers.

Christian Endeavor Societies and Mission Bands will be glad to welcome for their special use a pretty card containing topics for the months with texts, and list of special helps for their meeting—Free, except for postage, 3 cents per dozen.

For those who wish to make their April meetings specially interesting, a card containing facts and information on *India* is in preparation. It will be ready for issue about March 1, and will be attractive and inexpensive.

Please note once again that the helps referred to by this Society may be obtained at *1334 Chestnut* St., Philadelphia, Pa.

From Chicago.

Meetings at Room 48 McCormick Block, 69 and 71 Dearborn Street, every Friday at 10 A.M. Visitors welcome.

The Twenty-third Annual Meeting of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest will be held April 25, 26, 1894, in the Central Church of Denver, Colorado, Rev. J. N. Freeman, D.D., Pastor. The sessions will open on Wednesday at half-past nine A.M. It is believed that all will be of particular interest to the young. A general meeting, to be addressed by gentlemen, is also arranged for Wednesday evening. The officers of the Board most earnestly desire that in response to the roll-call the representation by delegate shall be found to be unusually large, and particularly from the Young People's Societies and Bands, and from Christian Endeavor Societies. Never before has an Annual Meeting been held so far west of the center of our district. Let the attendance, interest and enthusiasm be in proportion to that aroused by the sunny though distant State in which we meet. Read Habakkuk 3 : 17, 18, for this year of actual or threatening disappointments. So shall our coming together still have the true note of joy and rejoicing in the God of our Salvation ; and because of it, more and more the waste places "Shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God."

Mrs. H. D. Penfield, Pres.

Although the invitations to our Twenty-third Annual Meeting have probably reached all of our Societies and the Synodical and Presbyterial as well as all officers of the Board, we here give the location of church and how to reach it, together with the name of chairman, to whom names of delegates must be sent. The Central Church is located corner of Sherman and 17th Aves. The committee hope that all will plan to reach Denver Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning. To reach the church from the depot, "Take Seventeenth St. cable car (red car) to Sherman and 17th Aves." Send names of delegates to Mrs. Rodney Curtis, Colfax Ave., cor. Pennsylvania, Denver, Colorado, and *send them by April 1* if possible.

Notices of railroad rates will be published in *The Interior* and *Herald and Presbyter* in April.

Are we going up to our Feast with a debt this year? If not, vigorous work and perhaps self-denial are necessary. Can we not do without some of our accustomed luxuries, if need be, giving the cost to Christ? The fact was mentioned at one of our recent meetings that last year our American women spent twenty millions of dollars for kid gloves. Last year Presbyterian women averaged sixty-one cents each to Foreign Missions! We know that thousands give nothing, hence the exceedingly small average. The "stringency of the times" said one of our ladies, "has not caused many of us to give up anything we really needed or desired."

At quarterly meeting of the Chicago Presbyterial Foreign Missionary Society in January, two or three speakers earnestly urged taking and *reading* Woman's Work. It was stated that some would take it upon solicitation, but did not read it ; hence the emphasis. By reading, interest in and knowledge of missions and missionaries would be acquired, and that would cause readers to pray more and give more.

We are sure that our list of subscribers will be much longer than ever before.

The helpful little *Manual of Missions*, price 5 cents, will be of assistance to the leaders of Societies when looking for facts concerning different countries, as well as the references in the Word, under the heads, "Work for Christ," "Prayer," "On Giving," "Missionaries," "Idol Worship," &c. It is packed full of facts we all need to know. Address W. P. B. M., Room 48 McCormick Block, Chicago, Ill.

From New York.

Prayer-meeting at 53 Fifth Ave. the first Wednesday of each month at 10.30 A.M. Each other Wednesday there is a half-hour meeting for prayer and the reading of missionary letters, commencing at the same hour.

THE Twenty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Women's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, New York, will be held in Binghamton, N. Y., on Wednesday and Thursday, April 11 and 12.

THE following are the new rules adopted by the Library Committee:

Books will be loaned to members of our out-of-town Auxiliaries on application, if they will give the name of the society to which they belong and enclose postage (presumably) sufficient.

A book must be returned to the Library within three weeks of the day it is taken, and a fine of 10 cents will be charged for every additional week.

It must be returned wrapped carefully as received, and borrowers are asked to make restitution for damages resulting from carelessness.

In writing for a book, please give at least a first and second choice, or state the subject upon which information is desired.

Very large and heavy works cannot be sent by mail.

MRS. Louisa R. Doolittle, who was for many years a missionary in China with her husband, the late Rev. Justus R. Doolittle, is now returning to work in that country, and has been taken under charge of our Board.

MONEY appropriated for buildings for 1893–1894 is to be expended as follows:

AFRICA.

House for Bible reader (man) among Bush people near Batanga, $10.00, pledged by N. Y. Harlem Church Band.

House for native helper at Evune, $9.00.

House for native helper at Ubenjo, $15.00.

Work in the interior of Africa, $250.00, pledged by Buffalo, Coll., &c.

CHINA.

Opening new station at Pao-Ting Fu, $724.00, pledged by Westchester Presbytery, and Boston Presbytery, $200.00.

Land and houses, Yeung Kong, $1,031.25, pledged by Fifth Ave. Ch.

Repairs for the missionary residence at Kang Hau $225.00, pledged by Geneva Presbytery.

Enlargement of Ladies' Home at Wei Hien, pledged by Hudson Presbytery.

Repairs on Mrs. Abbey's house and school building at Nanking, $56.00.

INDIA.

Native houses at Doshna, $66.66; Tandala, $66.66. Total, $133.32. Pledged by Long Island Presbytery.

Land adjoining church at Mynpurie, $160.00, pledged by Utica Branch.

KOREA.

Native house with additions, Fusan, $118.00, pledged by Morristown, N. J., South Ch., Y. L. Soc.

LAOS.

Opening Praa, $600.00, pledged by Westchester Presbytery, Mrs. Stanton Cady's memorial.

JAPAN.

Preaching place, Hiroshima, $450.00, pledged by Utica Branch.

PERSIA.

Property for boarding department, boys' school at Hamadan, $350.00, pledged by Geneva Presbytery, $250.00.

Oroomiah churches and pastors' houses, $700.00, pledged by Fifth Ave. Y. L. Soc. $100.00, Nassau $100.00, Utica Branch (?).

SIAM.

Fitting up preaching place in Bazaar at Bangkok, $72.00.

From Northern New York.

ONLY one month more and our fiscal year will close. Auxiliaries and Bands, who have not yet forwarded their remittances to the Treasurer, should do so as soon as possible. If any are behind in the amounts which they have pledged, there is still time in which to make them good. This year above all others, we must not fall behind. God is abundantly blessing the work of our missionaries, and from every field a loud call comes for men and women, and the need for money with which to send them was never greater. If Northern N. Y. is to do her share in this work, and in helping to keep up to the million dollar line, passed last year, it behooves every Auxiliary and Band to see to it that not less, but more than their usual contributions, is sent this year.

Surely our gifts for the "Wang Lang" school should be stimulated by the item in *Woman's Work*, last month, in regard to what the alumnæ and friends of the school in Bangkok have done.

WE desire to call attention to, and heartily commend, the new magazine for our young people, *Over Sea and Land*. Have you seen it? If not, send at once for a copy to 1334 Chestnut St., Philadelphia. Not only send for a copy for yourself, but secure subscriptions from your friends; it should be in every Presbyterian household. We trust that every Band leader, and the teachers in the Junior Dep't of our Sabbath-schools will use every effort to secure a large circulation throughout our bounds.

WE want once more to call attention to the special object for the children's contributions, the buildings at Mosul. How large a share of the $8,000 asked for, are the children of Northern N. Y. to have? The answer to this question will depend very largely on you, Band leaders, and teachers in our Sabbath-schools.

AN interesting letter has been received from our missionary, Mrs. Noyes. She gives encouraging reports of the work being done at the Fa Tí Dispensary, and at the day school under her care.

It is too early to give any particulars of the Annual Meeting, to be held in Glens Falls the third Wednesday and Thursday of April, but it is not too early to urge our young people especially to arrange to be there, as we desire to have as many of them present as possible.

From St. Louis.

Meetings at 1107 Olive Street, first and third Tuesdays of every month. Visitors are welcome. Leaflets and missionary literature obtained by sending to 1107 Olive Street.

The Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Southwest will convene in the Presbyterian Church of Salina, Kansas, Wednesday, April 18, 1894, at 2 P.M. The meeting will continue until 4 P.M. Friday, 20th. It is safe to predict that this meeting will hold much of highest interest to all present. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Chalfant, from China, will be with us; Miss Parsons, editor of Woman's Work, has kindly consented to come halfway across the continent to speak to us, and others also will be with us. One session of the meeting will be devoted to discussion of practical subjects pertaining to our work. Special place will be given to the young people. We hope the influence of this meeting will be far-reaching and helpful. Now, Everybody Come. As in former years, so now, we beseech you, dear coworkers, pray for the presence and power of the Holy Spirit upon all assembled at our Annual Meeting.

Nearing the end of our fiscal year, what heart-stirrings, what voice of conscience we must listen to, as we remember neglected opportunities, self-denial not given—all sealed in this past year. Yet there is the bright side. God has helped us; many have toiled faithfully and cheerfully. God grant we may come up to Annual Meeting with our work accomplished, our hearts full of thanksgiving.

The blanks to Synodical, Presbyterial and Auxiliary officers have all been sent out promptly. Please have them returned promptly, with all questions answered.

The Treasurer begs that all gifts be sent on as rapidly as possible. The books close April 10. Gather up all the gifts, from every source. Let us reach our $15,000.

From San Francisco.

Board Meeting, first Monday of each month, at 920 Sacramento Street; business meeting at 10.30 A.M.; afternoon meeting and exercises by Chinese girls in the Home at 2 P.M. Visitors welcome.

The Woman's Congress of Missions, under the direction of the Woman's Missionary Boards of California, will meet in San Francisco March 7 to 9. On Friday evening a mass meeting for young people will be held. On Thursday evening we hope to have among our speakers Mrs. Bottome, Miss Burdett and Miss Cort. One feature of the young people's meeting will be singing of the vested choirs of the Episcopal churches of this city. Are you sending a representative of your Auxiliary to this Congress? Will you not pray that these meetings may be the means of arousing the Christian women of this State to work as never before for the coming of Christ's kingdom throughout the world? The pastors in all parts of California have been asked to set apart Wednesday evening, March 7, for special prayer for God's blessing upon this Woman's Congress and the work of Missions.

The Twenty-first Annual Meeting of the Woman's Occidental Board of Foreign Missions will be held in the new Mission House, 920 Sacramento Street, San Francisco, on Thursday and Friday, April 5-6. As this is the first Annual Meeting of our new decade, let us plan to make it the best that has thus far been held. To this end we ask *you* to attend the meeting if you can, we ask *you* to get as many others as possible to come, and again we ask *you* to pray for the officers of the Board and all who are to take part in the meeting, that God may speak through them and use them to the building up of His kingdom.

Did you hear of that all-day missionary meeting held by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Westminster Church, San Francisco? The ladies had been praying and planning for this meeting many months before. Result — large attendance from morning till evening, and deep spiritual power and blessing. Mrs. Phraner, who was present, spoke of her surprise in listening to so many able papers on the different fields. Ten large maps of the countries under consideration were hung on the walls. Many of these maps were made by members of this society. A cheering letter was read from Miss Ellen Parsons, which made all wish she were there with them. The whole meeting proved so successful that it is probable many more of the kind will be held by sister societies.

From Portland, Oregon.

The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Woman's North Pacific Presbyterian Board of Missions will be held in the First Presbyterian Church, Portland, Or., April 18 and 19, 1894. All Auxiliary Societies should appoint delegates in good season and forward names to Mrs. J. P. Lockwood, 251 Tenth Street, Portland, Or., Chairman of Entertainment Com. Pray for the Annual Meeting, that there may be abundant blessing in store for us.

If you cannot give more this year than last, will you not lead some one to give who *never gave before?*

The Treas. books of the North Pacific Board

will close March 31. Societies wishing to receive credit in this year's report should send all monies to the Presbyterial Treas. before March 20.

NEW AUXILIARIES AND BANDS.

INDIANA.
Monon.
Ossian, Elhanan Ch.

INDIAN TERRITORY.
Claremore.
Keys, Pheasant Hill Ch.
Vinita.
Wagoner.

IOWA.
Monticello, (reorg.)

KANSAS.
Kansas City, Grandview Park Ch., King's Messengers, (reorg.)

MARYLAND.
Baltimore, Covenant Ch., S.C.E.

MICHIGAN.
Wyandotte, (reorg.)

MINNESOTA.
Farmington.
St. Paul, East Ch., Earnest Workers.
" " " " Junior Band.

MISSOURI.
Alliance, Bristol and Whitewater Chs.
" " " " S.C.E.
Clifton Heights.
Cornwall.
" S.C.E.
Glasgow, 1st, Ch.
Ironton.
Kimmswick.
Marble Hill.
Purdin, Grantsville Cb.
St. Louis, Cote Brilliante Cb.
" " Ch. of tbe Covenant.

OHIO.
Dayton, Wayne Ave., S.C.E.
Fredericksburg, S.C.E.
Columbus, 2d Ch., H.H.

PENNSLVANIA.
Germantown, 1st Ch., John G. Paton Club.

Receipts of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church from January 1, 1894.

[PRESBYTERIES IN SMALL CAPITALS.]

BALTIMORE SYNODICAL SOCIETY.—Collection, $30.00

BUTLER.—Butler, 58.30; Grove City, (Thank off., 41.05) 80.10, S.C.E., (Thank off., 4.74) 13.74; Harlansburg, 20; Martinsburg, 5; Muddy Creek, Morning Star Bd., 1.20; North Washington, 7.50, Children's Bd., 4.40, S.C.E., 5.43; Unionville, 2; Westminster, 8, 205.67

CARLISLE.—Carlisle, 1st, 4.65; Carlisle, 2d, 23.95, Y.L.B., 24; Chambersburg, Central, 2.81; Falling Sp., 2.81; Dauphin, 2, Junior Soc., 50; Dillsburg, 18.50, Golden Rule Bd., 5; Gettysburg, 20.90, Miss McPherson, 50, Little Light Bearers, 2.75; Greencastle, 42.71; Harrisburg, Covenant, 1.75; Market Square, 160.50, Macedonian Bd., 150, S.S. Sen'r Dep't, 45.72, Bd. of Trust, 5, S.C.E., Jr., 6; Olivet, 2; Pine St., 196.02, Syrian Helpers, 50, Mrs. Boyd's cl., 30; Lebanon, 27.56; Lower Marsh Creek, 4 44; Mechanicsburg, 6; Mercersburg, 5; Middletown, 3; Millerstown, 4.45; New Bloomfield, 4.20, S.C.E., 3.37; Newville, 8.25; Paxton, 47.03; Shippensburg, 76.65; Silver Spring, 2.20; Steelton, 2.65; Upper Patb Valley, 20; Waynesboro, 3.40, 1,121.38

CHILLICOTHE.—Bainbridge, 4.50; Bloomingburg, 7; Chillicothe, 1st, 20; Chillicothe, 3d, 6.95, Sunbeam Bd., 1.05; Concord, 6, S.S., 3 50; Frankfort, 6; Greenfield, 16.17, Snowflakes, 9.06; Hillsboro', 25, Sycamore Val. Br., 2.50; Kingston, 10; Marshall, 3; North Fork, 10.40, Cheerful Givers, 1.60; Pisgah, 12; South Salem, 30; Washington C.H., 2.90, Young Girls' Bd., 18.10, Golden Thread, 50 cts.; Wilkesville, Tb. off., 7.75, 203.08

CLARION.—Beechwoods, 38; Du Bois, 25, Stewart Bd., 20; Emlenton, S.S., 12.65; Leatherwood, 15; Mill Creek, 6; New Bethlehem, 55, S.S. 26; Oak Grove, 13, 210.65

CLEVELAND.—Ashtabula, 11.50; Cleveland, 1st, 272.20; 2d, 316.95; Bolton Ave., S.S., 50; Calvary, (T.O. 25) 61.50, S.S., 50; Case Ave., 30.65; North, 11.36; Guilford, 4; Streetsboro', 6.10, Children's Day, 1.30, 815.56

CORISCO.—Gaboon, 25.00

DAYTON.—Alexanderville, Bd., 8; Clifton, 6; Dayton, 1st, 65; Dayton, 3d St., Y.L.S., 100; Franklin, S.C.E., 5.50; N. Jersey, 7.80; Piqua, S.S., 34; Reiley, 3; Seven Mile, Olives, 6; Springfield, 2d, 40; Washington, 10; Xenia, 17.15, Conversasazione, 11.70; Yellow Springs, 13.50, 327.65

ELIZABETH.—Basking Ridge, 31.25, S.C.E., Jr., 5; Elizabeth, Ass'n, 125, 1st Ch., M. Morrison Bd., 50, 3d Ch., Y.L.C., 50; Westm'r Ch., Bd., 160; Metuchen, 12; Perth Amboy, 30, Plainfield, Ass'n, 190.62, Y.L.B., 96, Sunshine Bd., 160, Earnest Workers, 60; Rahway, 1st, 5; Rahway, 2d, 33; Roselle, 46.95; Westfield, 40, Y.L.B., 10; Woodbridge, 35, Lillies of the Field, 30; Pres. Soc., 25, 1,205 82

HUNTINGTON.—Alexandria, Hartslog Val. Soc., 15.74, John Porter Bd , 10; Bedford, 24.73, Willing Workers, 27; Bellefonte, 261.37; Birmingham, 4.25, Warrior's Mark Soc., 134.02; Clearfield, 22 22; Curwensville, Little Singers, 25; Duncansville, 13.55; E. Kishacoquillas, 61.37, Bd., 5; Hollidaysburg, 112.70; Houtzdale, Y.L S., 8; Huntington, 33.75, West, S.S., 3; Lewistown, 152; Logan's Valley, I-will-try Bd., 5, Social Circle, 5, Daisy Bd., 5, S.C.E., 5; Lost Creek, 31.77, Carrier Doves, 3.75, S.C.E., 2.25; Lower Spruce Creek, 5; Martinsburg, 39.50; McVeytown, 4.58; Mifflintown, 5, Y.L.S., 6; Milroy, 24; Mt. Union, 31.56; Orbisonia, 25; Phillipsburg, 5, Y.L.S., 13; Pine Grove, 14.40; Shirleysburg, 10; Sinking Creek, 49.45, L. L. Bearers, 3.75; Sinking Valley, 35.36; Spruce Creek, 8; State College, 5; Tyrone, (Special 100) 145.73, Moore Bd., 5, Light Bearers, 1, S.C.E., 15, Helpers, 11.08; Williamsb'g, 64.10, L.L. Bearers, 4; Winburne, 7, 1,510 98

KINGSTON.—Bethel, 10; Chattanooga, 2d 34, Y.L.B., 23 60; Huntsville, 5.50; Nortb Side, S.C.E., 5, S.C.E., Jr., 1; Spring City, 3.50, 82.60

LACKAWANNA.—Athens, 14, S.S., 7.50, Willing Workers, 2.50; Carbondale, (T. O, 38.10) 60.10; Honesdale, 35; Langcliffe, Livingstone Bd., 50; Monroeton, 18.50; Montrose, 60, S.C.E., 10, A friend, T. O., 100; Pittston, 1st. 28.53, Class No. 20, 12, Parke Bd., 11, S.C.E. Jr., 5; Plymouth, 12.15; Scranton, 1st, 75, Juvenile Ass'n, 100; Scranton, 2d, Benefit Boxes, 140.04; Scranton, Washburn St., 14; Shicksbinny, S.C.E., 30.45; Towanda, 50; Troy, 25, Birthday Bd., 6.25; West Pittston, (T. O. 71) 80.65, Y.P.B., 10.50; Wilkesbarre, 1st, 100; Wilkesbarre, Mem'l, 50, 1,116.17

LIMA.—Ada, 11.62; Findlay, 1st, 16.61; Lima, 1st, S.S., 25, 53.23

MORRIS & ORANGE.—E. Orange, 1st, Willing Workers, 40; Morristown, South St., Mrs. Beaumont, 5; New Vernon, Willing Workers, 25; Orange, 1st, 125, Y.L.B., 35; Orange, 2d, 100; S. Orange, 1st, 35; Summit, 75, 440.00

NEWARK.—Montclair, Trinity, 100.00

NEW BRUNSWICK.—Bound Brook, 15; Dayton, 13.29; Flemington, 27.36, Gleaners, 50; Lambertville, 100; New Brunswick, 1st, 25, S.C.E., Jr., 2.50; Pennington, 14.75, S S., 40; Titusville, 25; Trenton, 2d, 25; Trenton, 3d, 71.39; Trenton, 4th, 100; Trenton, Prospect St , 30, 539 19

NEWTON.—Andover, 3.85; Belvidere, 1st, 40, Primary Bd., 15; Belvidere, 2d, 14.45; Delaware, S.C.E., 15; Harmony, 24.35; Oxford, 1st. Band, 25; Phillipsburg, 1st, 50; Phillipsburg, Westm'r, 16.05; Stewartsville, 12.50; Stillwater, 25; Washington, 60; Wantage, 1st, 3 25, 304.45

PHILADELPHIA.—Calvary, Humphrey Bd., 50; 1st, 146; Green Hill, "M. G.," 15; Holland, 29; Northminster, a lady, 1; 2d, 169, Beadle Bd., 100 Star of the East Bd., 50; Southwestern, Mizpab Bd., 25; Tabernacle, Little Maids, 30; Walnut St., Y.L.B., 53.16, Girls' Bd., 30; West Spruce St., 446.50, Mrs. Robert Scott, 10; Woodland, 341.68, Woodland Bd., Sr., 2.70, Junior, 4.19; Wylie Mem'l, Little Women, 12.82; Zion, 3.15; Mrs. E. L. Linnard, 100, 1,619.20

PHILADELPHIA. NORTH.—Doylestown, 37.50, Andrews Bd., 9.85; Germantown, 1st, 100, Miriam Bd., 30, Bands, T. O., 31.09; Germantown, 2d, 250; Huntingdon Valley, 19.16; Jenkintown, Grace Bd., 15; Nesbaminy of Warminster, 21; Pottstown, 50; Wissinoming, Willing Workers, 10; a lady, 50, cash, 10, 633.60

PITTSBURG AND ALLEGHENY COM.—Allegbeny, 1st, 85.30; Alleg., German, Good Will Workers, 10; Alleg., McClure, Ave., 39.40, Gleaners, 10.50; Alleg., North, 54.50; Avalon, S. C.E., Jr., 10; Bethany, S.C.E., 10; Canonsburg, Central, 25; Crafton, 14.25; Emsworth, 34.95; Freedom, 10; Glensbaw, 12; Hazlewood, 50; Hiland, 50, S.C.E., 10.25; Hoboken, Y.L.B., 25, Miss'y Chips, 2; Ingram, 44.05; Lebanon, 50; McDonald, 67.77, a friend, (Christmas gift) 200; McKee's Rocks, 6 25; Monongahela, 50; Mt. Carmel, 30; Oakdale, Mc. Junkin, Bd., 25; Oakmont, 25; Pittsb'g, E. Liberty, 168.55, Earnest Workers, 24, Castner Bd., 18.20; Highland, 24.80, S.C.E., 11.35; Homewood Ave., 7.40, Jewels, 38; Lawrenceville, 22.50, Willing Workers, 20; McCandless Ave., Linhart Bd., 10; Park Ave., 15, Gleaners, 5.50; Plains, 18.86; Raccoon, 51; Rocbester, 11.41, McCauley Bd., 7; Sewickly, 25.78; Sbarpsburg, 28.90; Tarentum, 64.48, 1,382.45

PORTSMOUTH.—Ironton, 20.25; Jackson, 5; Manchester, 6.35; Mt. Leigh, 6.80; Portsmouth, 2d, 35, Busy Bees, 10, 83.40

ST. CLAIRSVILLE.—Bellaire, 1st, 16.60; Buffalo, 63, Legacy, Miss Belle Elliott, dec'd, 100; Cadiz, Earnest Workers, 36; Crab Apple, 32; Jerusalem, 10.10; Lore City, S.C.E., 4.54; Mt. Pleasant, 15.20; Nottingham, 23.25, Y.L.B., 10.24, Hyacinths, 18.20; St. Clairsville, 34, 363.13

SHENANGO.—Beaver Falls, Willing Workers, 3, S.C.E., 5.40; Centre, 11.33, S.C.E., 15; Enon, 30; Leesburg, 25; Mt. Pleasant, 32.50; Neshannock, 45; New Castle, 1st, Credo Workers,

25, Helena Bd , 10 ; Slippery Rock, 18.75 ; Westfield, 53.30, Band. 7 ; Sharpsville. S.C.E., 10, 293 28

UNION.—Knoxville, 2d, 61.50 ; Knoxville, 4th, 11.36 ; New Market. 7.63, Willing Workers, 13.87 ; New Providence, 3, Helping Hands, 20.50 ; Rockford 4.50 ; Shannondale, 15, 137.36

WASHINGTON.—Burgettstown, 27.75 ; Cross Creek, 50 ; East Buffalo (T. O. 15.43) 30 43 ; Pigeon Creek, 57. Y.L.B., 18.50 ; Upper Buffalo, T O. 8.15, Mary Shaw Bd., 15 ; Washington, 1st, (T. O. 233 78) 247.63, Sewing Soc., 10.30, Cornes Bd.: 31.20 ; Washington 2d, 27 ; Washington, 3d, Y.L.B., 6.45 ; Wellsburg, 24 75 ; West Alexander, (T. O. 56) 158.26, Loring Circle, T. O., 6.50, S.S , 40 ; Wheeling, 1st, Cherith Bd., 20, Sidney Ott Bd., 30 ; Wheeling, 3d. T. O., 6.75, 914.76

WASHINGTON CITY.—Anacostia, 1.70 ; Falls ch., 10 ; Hyattsville, 27 McIlvaine Bd., 10, S.C.E., 10 ; Washington, 4th, 9.38 ; 6th Ch., 17 ; 15th St , 8 ; Assemhly, 10 ; Covenant, 294 98, King's Daughters, 25, Young Ladies, 20, S.S., 50 : Eastern, 15, S S , 10 : Gunton Temple Mem'l, 5 ; Gurley Mem'l, 10 ; Metropolitan, 25 : New York Ave., Bethany Bd., 15 ; Western, 17 20 ; West St., 46 ; Westminster, 46.25, 682.51

WEST JERSEY.—Camden, 1st, 38 90 ; Bridgeton, West, 50 ; Hammonton, Children's Bd., 2.50, May's Landing, O.P.J. Bd., 13 ; Woodhury, Willing Hearts and Hands, 15.31, 119.71

WESTMINSTER.—Bellevue, 50 ; Chestnut Level, 8.46 ; Columbia, S.C.E., 10 ; Lancaster, 25, Girls' Bd., 25 ; Leacock, 30 ; Little Britain, 24.75 ; Marietta, 46.22 ; New Harmony, 24.85, Bd., 2 ; Pequea. 15 ; Wrightsville, 11 ; York, 1st, S.S., 93.62 : York, Calvary, 22.32, 388.22

WOOSTER.—Apple Creek, S.C.E., 10.65 ; Belleville, 5 ; Creston, 3 25 ; Canal Fulton, 4 ; Loudonville, 29, Clara Groves Bd., 10 ; Mansfield, 15 ; Wayne, 4.80 ; W. Salem, 12.25 ; Wooster, 1st, 9, Y.L.B., 30 ; Wooster, West'm, (T. O. 104.75) 122.85, Myers Mem'l. Bd., 30, 285.80

ZANESVILLE.—Coshocton, 12, Cary Bd., 11.70 ; Granville, 30 ; Mt. Vernon 12.50, S.C.E., 25.77 ; Pataskala, S.C.E., 5 ; Roseville. 3 ; Utica, 12.85 ; Zanesville, 1st, 10, Y.L.B., 25, S.S., 6.07 ; Putnam, 14.78. Inf. cl., 10 ; 2d, Y.L. B., 25, 203.67

MISCELLANEOUS.—Kingston, Pa., Mrs. Ellen L. Welles, 25 ; Newport, N. H., Mrs. M. M. McCann, 4 Phila., Mrs. S. G. Boardman, 1 ; Salem, O., Helen R. Jeffries, 10 . Saltillo. Mexico, Anita, Bernardina and Carmen Boyce, 3 ; Int. on Investment, 100, 143.00

Total for January, 1894,	$15,742.42
Total since May 1, 1893,	$49,025.26

MRS. JULIA M. FISHBURN, *Treas.*,

Feb. 1, 1894. 1334 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest to January 20, 1894.

ALTON.—Alton, 5.55 ; Carlinville, 23.80 ; Jerseyville, 3 ; Bethel Ch., 12.50 ; Sparta, 5.50, S.S., 12.50 ; Rockwood, 5.50 ; (Less Pbyl. ex., 1.88), 66.47

BELLEFONTAINE.—Bucyrus, 25 ; Galion, 16.42 : Kenton, 25, Mrs. John B. Seymour, 20 ; Urbana, 50 ; West Liberty, 4.50, 140.92

BLOOMINGTON.—Bement, 6.75 : Bloomington, 2d. Stevenson Bd, 33.58 · Champaign, 42.54 ; Clinton, 20 ; Cooksville, 8.75 ; Gilman, C.E., 6.75, Mem'l Bd., 4.66 : Minonk, 3 25 : Philo, 3.73 : Pontiac, 50 ; Rankin, 7.75. Baby Bd., 4. C. E., 3.18 ; Ridgeville, Mrs. A. L. Gould, 30 ; Selma, 13.57 ; Waynesville, 2.20, 220.71

CAIRO.—Centralia, Y.L.S., 5 ; DuQuoin, 30 ; Shawneetown, 14.70. Tamaroa, 6.50, Miss Louise Wood, 8, 64.20

CENTRAL DAKOTA.—Huron, 13.55, S.S., 25 ; Madison, 90 cts. ; White, 8.35 ; Woonsocket, 10, 57.80

CHICAGO.—Chicago, 1st, 55, S.S., 47.35, Rail-road Chapel, Y.L.S., 6.25 ; 2d, 60, S.S., 41.61 ; 3d, 100, Boys' Bd., 7.50 ; 4th, 378.12, Mrs. Gurdon Hubbard, 125, C.E., 40, Y.W.S., 13, Do Tell S., 10.80 ; Christ Chapel Sewing School, 12 ; 5th, S.S., 3.32 ; 6th, 50.35 ; Ch. of the Covenant, 10 ; Scotch Ch., C.E., 2 ; Campbell Park Ch., 5.05 ; Evanston, 70 ; Hyde Park, 60, Busy Bees, 25 ; Joliet, Central Ch., 94.38, S.S., 31.48 ; Lake Forest, 148 25, C.E., 13.68 ; Maywood, C.E., 11 ; Oak Park, C.E., 40 ; Peotone, 10 ; Riverside, 5 ; Misc., 10 ; Part legacy of Mrs. Jane A. Greene, 99.48, 1585.62

CHIPPEWA.—Eau Claire, 6 ; Hudson, 4 30 ; W. Superior, 1.62, 11.92

CORNING.—Bedford, 4.35 ; Clarinda, 20 ; Corning, 5.89 ; Emerson, 14.25 ; Lenox, 5 ; Prairie Chapel, 3.75 ; Red Oak, 8.85 ; Sidney, 23, 85.09

COUNCIL BLUFFS.—Audubon, 8, C.E., 2 ; Council Bluffs, C. E., 10 ; Griswold, 10.50, 30.50

CRAWFORDSVILLE.—Attica, 17.32 ; Bethany, 10 ; Bethel, 3 ; Clinton, Willing Workers, 1.50 ; Crawfordsville, Center Ch., 90 ; Delphi, 23.52, S.S., 6.74 ; Frankfort, C.E., 9 ; Layfayette, 1st, 50 ; 2d, 50, C.E., 20 ; Lebanon, 10 ; Lexington South, 4 : Newtown, 10.58, Buds of Promise, 2.12 ; Rock Creek, 7.60 ; Rockville, C.E., 9 ; Romney, 25 ; Thorntown, 17.50 ; Waveland, 12.50 ; Anon., 32.79 412.17

DENVER.—C.E. Societies, per Mr. J. K. Garver, 16.70 ; Central City, 22 ; Denver, Central Ch., 59.64, Judson S., 35 ; West Av. Ch., 10.94 ; Westm'r Ch., 5.70 ; North Denver, 6.71, C.E., 3.60 ; Georgetown, 3.78 ; Otis, 1.25, 165.32

DES MOINES.—Adel, 10 ; Chariton, 12.50, S.S., 5.66 ; Dallas Center, 6 ; Des Moines, Central Ch., 20, S.S., 40, C.E., 42.50 ; 6th, 6.25, C.E., 3 ; Highland Park Ch., 5 ; Dexter, Girls' Bd., 1 ; E. Des Moines, 13.75 ; Grimes, Mrs. W. H. Hall, 1 ; Indianola, 6.25 ; Newton, 20.87 : Osceola, 3 ; Perry, Jr. C.E., 2.25 ; Russell, 8.62 ; Winterset, 18.75, Faith Bd., 10.50, 236.90

FARGO.—Hillshoro, Y.P.B., 6.25

FT. DODGE.—Bancroft, 2 ; Burt, 1.46 : Carroll, 12 : Ft. Dodge, Girls' Bd., 15 , Laurens, 4.66 ; Livermore, 1.80 ; Spirit Lake, 13.83, 50.75

FREEPORT.—Galena, 1st, Circle, 17.50 ; Guilford, S.S., Gleaners, 13.25 : Polo, 5.72 ; Rockford, Westm'r Ch., 4 50, 40.97

GUNNISON.—Aspen, 5 ; Grand Junction, 10 ; Salida, 4. 19.00

HASTINGS.—Holdrege, 8.75

INDIANAPOLIS.—Bloomington, 17.26, C.E., 22.90 ; Columbus, 1.95, C.E., 2.10, S.S., 2.90 ; Franklin. 75, Miss Meggenhofen, 15 ; Greencastle, 18.60, C.E., 1 50 : Hopewell, 14.31 ; Indianapolis, 1st, 200 ; 2d, 166, King's Daughters, 20 ; 4th, Pickett S., 9 ; 7th, 12 50. C E., 10 ; Memorial Ch , 10 ; Tabernacle Ch., 37.27 ; E. Washington St. Ch., 2 50, Jr. C.E , 2 ; Southport, 5, 645.69

LAKE SUPERIOR —Ishpeming, 14.90 ; Menominee, 16 91 ; Sault Ste. Marie, 10, 41.81

LANSING.—Brooklyn, 11.87 ; Homer, 18, No. 2, 6 ; Marshall, 21.25 ; Oneida, 3 60. S S , 1.16 ; Parma, 5, 66.88

MANKATO.—Blue Earth, 13 ; Delhi, 10.67 ; Pilot Grove, 10 ; Windom, 1 ; Winnebago, 27.04, 61.71

MATTOON.—Edgar, 14.68 ; Pana, 9.70 ; Vandalia, 12 50, 36.88

MILWAUKEE.—Milwaukee, Calvary Ch., Willing Workers, 5 ; Immanuel Ch., 50, C.E., 48, Y.L.S., 37.50, 140.50

MINNEAPOLIS.—Minneapolis, Highland Park Ch., King's Messengers, 13 02 ; Bethlehem Ch., C.E., 12 50 ; Westm'r Ch., 75.42 ; 1st, 2[illegible].99 : Stewart Mem. Ch., 6.15 ; Andrew Ch., 25, 158.08

MONROE.—Adrian, 56.44 ; Coldwater, Y.L.S., 15 ; Monroe, 8, Y.L.S., 10 ; Tecumseh, 15, C.E., 10, Y.L.S., 20, 134 44

MONTANA.—Deer Lodge, C.E., 7.10 ; Great Falls, 11 ; Helena, 32.10, 50.20

MUNCIE.—Anderson. 13.43 ; Elwood, C.E., 5 ; Marion, 20 ; Muncie. 7.68 New Hope Ch., 5.25 ; Tipton, 7 ; Union City, 3 ; Wabash 23.85, Little M.S., 25, 110.21

NEW ALBANY.—Bedford, 2 50 . Corydon, 5 : Hanover, 16.59 ; Madison, 1st, 12.50 ; New Albany, 1st, 27.95 ; 2d, 26 90, Mrs. W. R. Nunemacher, 10 ; Pleasant Tp., 3 ; Sharon Hill, 1 ; Vevay, 1, 106.44

NIOBRARA.—Madison, C.E., 9 00

OTTAWA.—Aurora, C.E., 15 81 ; Morris, S.S., 6 ; Streator, 35, 56.81

PEORIA.—Brunswick Ch., 1 ; Canton, 52 ; Delavan, C E , 12. 0, C.E. Jr., 3 75 ; Elmira, 6.40, C.E., 6.25, Temple Builders, 6.85 ; Galesburg, 37 47 Green Valley, 6.25, S.S , 5 ; Ipava, S S., 8.28 ; Knoxville, Whatsoever Bd., 11 25 ; Lewistown, 21.45 ; Peoria, 1st, 45 70, C E., 6.60 : E. R. Edwards Bd., 30 85, Little Lights, 7.50, Westm'r, 5.29 : Calvary Ch., 7 ; Grace Ch., 7.11 ; Princeville, 31 ; Prospect Ch., 6 ; Washington, 3 ; Yates City, 41.90 ; S S , 2.60, 373 00

PETOSKEY.—Boyne City, 86 cts., Cadillac, 14.50 : Harbor Springs, 2.60 ; Mackinaw City, 3.44 ; Petoskey, Jr. C.E., 2 60, 24.00

SAGINAW.—Alma, 8.51 ; E. Saginaw, Warren Av. Ch., 10.78 ; W. Bay City, Westm'r Ch., 6.12, 25.41

ST. CLOUD.—Willmar, Jr. C.E., 5.00

ST. PAUL.—Macalester, Golden Rule Bd., 9 ; St. Croix Falls, 17.93 ; St. Paul, Central Ch., C.E., 45 ; Dayton Av. Ch., 13, S.S.M.S., 12.50 ; Goodrich Av. Ch., 14.85 ; House of Hope Ch., Mrs. Ross Clark, 12.50, C.E., 43.75, Adult Bible Cl., 43 75, 212.28

SPRINGFIELD.—Bates, 35.17 ; Decatur, 75, Brier Bd., 10 ; Divernon, 5 ; Jacksonville, Presbyterian Ch., 13.60 ; State St. Ch., 70.30, Y.L.S., 37.50 ; Portuguese Ch., 15 ; Lincoln, 5 ; Macon, 12.50 ; Mason City, 11 ; N. Sangamon, 30 ; Petersburgh, 7.66 ; Pisgah, 15.25 ; Springfield, 1st, 2[illegible], S.S., 25.20 ; 2d, 20, S.S., 39.40, Y.L.S., 6.25 ; 3d, 11.29 ; Unity Ch., 10, 480.02

VINCENNES.—Evansville, 1st Av. Ch., 2 ; Grace Ch., 20 : Terre Haute, Central Ch., 12.50 ; Moffat St. Ch., 12.50 ; Vincennes, 9, 56.00

WINONA.—Albert Lea, 128 ; Austin, 3.57, C.E., 1, S. S., 2.15 ; Chatfield, 11.09 ; Claremont, 5 ; Winona, 2.50, Willing Workers, 2.70, 156.01

WATERLOO.—Ackley, S.S., 20.35 ; Salem, C.E., 4.04 ; State Center, 5.08, 29.47

MISCELLANEOUS.—Interest on Marshall Fund. 24.80 ; S. Dakota, 50 cts. ; Indianapolis, Ind., Mem. Ch., Jr. Partners, 15 ; by sale of lace, 2.75, 43.05

Total for month (less loss by bank failure),	$6,093.72
Total since April 20, 1893,	$33,205.37

MRS. C. B. FARWELL, *Treas.*,
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Chicago, Jan. 20, 1894.

Receipts of the Women's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church for January, 1894.

BINGHAMTON. — Binghamton, 1st, 87.50, Jr. C.E., 10; West, 25; Cortland, 71.25, $193.75

BROOKLYN.—Brooklyn, Ainslie St., 5.83; Classon Ave., Mrs. J. A. Wisner, 100; Duryea, 34.04; 1st, 136.38; Greene Ave., 3.67; Lafayette Ave., 41.46; Mem'l, 21; 2d, 34.92; Throop Ave., 16.04, Mission, Jr. C.E., 1.50; Trinity, 6.43; Westm'r, 15.19, 416.46

BUFFALO.—Buffalo, Bethlehem, 14; Calvary, 32.49; Ch. of the Redeemer, S.S., th. off., 2.75; Lafayette St., 3.05; North, 10; West Ave., S.S., th. off., 1.80; Springfield, S.S., th. off., 1; Westfield, 35, 100.09

CAYUGA.—Auburn, 1st, 84.25; 2d, Girls' Soc., 9; Dryden, 5; Port Byron, 10; Weedsport, 19.90, 128.15

CHEMUNG.—Dundee, 14.20; Elmira, 1st, 35; Horseheads, 9, 58.20

EBENEZER, KY.—Sharpsburg, Bd., 6.00

GENESEE.—Attica, pr. off., 19.43; North Bergen, C.E., 7.28; Perry, 52.50; Portageville, 5.85; Warsaw, 6.32, pr. off. 56.68, Y.W.S., 50, Busy Bees, 14.40, 212.46

GENEVA.—Clifton Springs, a friend, 5; Seneca Falls, 45; Shortsville, 20, Carrier Doves, 14.50; Trumansburg, 13; Waterloo, Warner Soc., 10, 108.50

HUDSON.—Chester, 18.18

LOUISVILLE, KY.—Hodgensville, 3; Louisville, Central, Bd., 20; Warren Mem'l, 50, S.S., 25; Owensboro, 56.49; Princeton, 10.20, 164.69

LYONS.—Clyde, S.S., 7.35; Lyons, 1.75; Newark, 48.37; Wolcott, 11, 68.47

MORRIS AND ORANGE, N. J.—Morris Plains, Faith Bd., 25

NASSAU.—Far Rockaway, 5; Freeport, 31, pr. off., 2.50; Glen Cove, pr. off., 4; Huntington, 2d, 22; Jamaica, 100; Smithtown, 5, pr. off., 12; Springfield, 11.18, 192.68

NEW YORK.—Montreal, Can., 249.50; New York, Covenant Chapel, Bd., 10; Fifth Ave., 900, Seed Sowers, 20; Fourth, Silver Links, 200, C.E., 5.50; Fourth Ave., Bd., 85.28; Harlem, pr. off., 18.80, Boys' Soc., 10; Riverdale, 8; University Place, 650, Light Bearers, 40; Washington Heights, 25; West, 300; West Farms, 10; Two Endeavorers, 35, 2,567.08

OTSEGO.—Cherry Valley, 10; Cooperstown, 12.50; Delhi, 2d, 8.25; Hobart, 5; Oneonta, 8.75, 44.50

ROCHESTER.—Avon, Central, Y.P.S., 5; Brighton, Gould Bd., 3.50; Gates, C.E., 15; Lima, 12; Mt. Morris, Cyprus Bd., 35; Rochester, Brick, 100, Y.L.S., 25; Central, 50; 1st, 25; Mem'l, King's Messengers, 75; North, 25; St. Peter's, self-denial, 10.50, Y.L.S., 5; 3d, 15; Sparta, 2d, 15.50; Webster, 7, 423.50

TRANSYLVANIA, KY.—Danville, a friend, 72; Harrodsburg, 22.20; Lebanon, 18, 112.20

UTICA.—Boonville, pr. off., 8; Clinton, pr. off., 40.69; Ilion, pr. off., 22; New York Mills, pr. off., 5.25; Oneida, pr. off., 30; Oneida Castle, pr. off., 19; Oriskany, pr. off., 5, Y.L.S., pr. off., 3; Sanquoit, pr. off., 16.31; Utica, Bethany, pr. off., 20; 1st, pr. off., 37.77; Mem'l, pr. off., 18.16; Waterville, pr. off., 52.04, 277.22

WESTCHESTER.—Hartford, Ct., 5; Mt. Kisco, 12; Mt. Vernon, Bd., 4; Peekskill, 1st, 75; Sing Sing, 10; White Plains, 25; Yonkers, 1st, 50, 181.00

MISCELLANEOUS.—Cash, 1; Geneva, N. Y., Mrs. Maxwell, 50 cts.; Locust Valley, L. I., Miss S. A. F., 2; Mrs. Condict's meetings, 11; N. Y. C., a friend, 5, Cash, 1; South Hadley, Mass., Mt. Holyoke College, 3; Yonkers, N. Y., Mrs. F. A. Wales, 1, 24.50

LEGACY.—Kingston, N. Y., Miss Helen Ludlum, 500.00

Total, $5,822.63
Total since April 1, $36,123.45

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Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Southwest for the Quarter ending January 24, 1894.

AUSTIN.—Leonard, $8.19

CHICKASAW.—Purcell, 5.00

EMPORIA.—Arkansas City, 4; Burlington, 3; Brainerd, 10; Council Grove, 19.41, C.E., 7.50; Derby, 2 35, Morning Stars, 1.43; El Dorado, 9.60; Emporia, 9.45; Marion, 1; Mulvane, 2.60; New Salem, 4.90; Peabody, 8; Wellington, 3; Wichita, First, 14.10, Y.W.M.L., 5, Bd., 1.94; Winfield, 7, 114.28

HIGHLAND.—Frankfort, 7; Holton, 4.65; Horton, 3.50; Hiawatha, 3 85; Washington, 7.50, 26.50

KANSAS CITY.—Butler, 27 30, Active Workers, 10; Clinton, 13.25; Creighton, O.B.M.S., 2.50; Holden, 2.50; Independence, 14.95; Kansas City, First, 40.19, Rays of Light, 13; Second, 70, Y.L.S., 130.86, Primary S S., 60; Fifth, 12.89; Knobnoster, Willing Hands, 6.25; Osceola, 4; Tipton, 3.65, 411.34

LARNED.—Lyons, 5.50; McPherson, 6.66; Pratt, 10, C.E., 10, Bd., 10, 42.16

NEOSHO.—Central City, 14; Cherryvale, 14 20; Garnett, 10, C.E., 5; Independence, 5; Moran, 60 cts., King's Bd., 1.08; Oswego, C.E., 3.75; Ottawa, 6.28; Parsons, Y.L.S., 3; Princeton Bd., 5, 67.91

OZARK.—Carthage, First, 3.25; Joplin, First, 8.80; Mt. Vernon, 4; Springfield, Calvary, 20, Y.L.S., 2 25, 38 30

PALMYRA.—Bethel, 2; Hannibal, 50, Primary S.S., 1 40; Kirksville, 5; Lingo, 1; Louisiana, 7; Moberly, 2.30, Golden Rule Bd., 2.15; New Providence 7; Pres'l 66 cts., 78.51

PLATTE.—St. Joseph, Westm'r, 11.50

SEQUOYAH.—Claremore, 3; Pheasant Hill, 1.82; Tulsa, 5, 9.82

SOLOMON.—Abilene, 10; Belleville, 7; Beloit, 15; Clyde, 4; Minneapolis, 5.80; Scotch Plains, 5.20, 47.00

ST. LOUIS.—Bethel, German, 25; Cornwall, C.E. 1; Kirkwood, 15.25; Poplar Bluff, S.S., 1.10; St. Charles', Jefferson street, 1.25; St. Louis, Carondelet, 10.34; First, 2.75, C.E., 10.25, Pastor's Boys' Club, 10.56; First German, 10; Glasgow Avenue, C.E., 8.80; Lafayette Park, 183.20, Y.L.M.B., 20; Mem'l Tabernacle, C.E., 15, Rays of Light, 8; North, 19.50; Second, C.E., 71, Senior Branch, 20. Boys' League, 9, S.S., 200; West, 88.80, King's Children, 30; Wash. and Compton Ave. Ch., 268.05, S.S., 105 73; Webster Groves, 9.10; Y.P. Rally, 7.58; Friends, 22; Mrs. H. M. Haskell, 1.10; Mrs. M. D. Jones, 3; Mrs. H. M. Noel, 2; Thank off. Meeting, 34.33, 1485.94

TOPEKA.—Junction City, 5; Kansas City, First, C.E., 30; Grandview Park, 19.75; Leavenworth, First, C.E., 35, Jun. C.E., 5; Grand Haven, C.E., 9; Topeka, First, 55; Wakarusa, 1.26; Wamego, First, Jun. C.E., 2; Vinland, 3.90; Miss Michner, 5; Pres'l, 85 cts., 171.76

MISCELLANEOUS.—Wagoner, 90 cts.; Ft. Gibson, Whatsoever Bd., 13; Elm Springs, 4; Membership, 1; Mrs. H. E. Worthington, cancelled stamps, 2.60; Miss E. J. Hicks, 3.20, 24.70

Total for the quarter, $2,542.91
Previously acknowledged, $2.794.20

$5,337.11

MISS JENNIE MCGINTIE, *Treas.*,
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Receipts of the Woman's Occidental Board of Foreign Missions for the month ending Jan. 25, 1894.

SACRAMENTO.—Colusa, $2.60

SAN JOSE.—Los Gatos, Y.P.S.C.E., 5; Monterey, 1st, 15; 2d, 3.45; San Luis Obispo, 10, 33.45

MISCELLANEOUS.—Contribution box, "Home," 1; Mrs. J. E. Condict, 10; "Agnes Poor Fund," Los Angeles, 5; Y.P.S. C.E., Wyoming, N. Y., 5; Miss Meda Cox, Wyoming, N. Y., 1; Friends at Pearl Creek, N. Y., 1, 23.00

Total for montb, $59.05
Total since Marcb 25, 1893, $4,181.23

MRS. E. G. DENNISTON, *Treas.*,
Jan. 25, 1894. 920 Sacramento St., San Francisco, Calif.

Receipts for Foreign Missions of the Woman's North Pacific Board of Missions.

PORTLAND.—Portland, First, 280.65, Primary S.S., 6.35; Calvary Ch., 54.88, Bd., 3, S C.E., 18.75; Third, 4; Fourth, 5.35; Bethany, 10, B.Js., 10; Mizpah, 6.50; St. John's, S.C.E., 10.05; Westminster, 7.50; Oregon City, 4 67, $421.70

WILLAMETTE.—Albany, 11; Brownsville, 2.40; Corvallis, 5.20; Eugene, 2.50; Lebanon, 1; McCoy, 1.50; Salem, 20, S.C.E., 12 50, Bd. 5; Zena, 2, 63.10

OLYMPIA.—Centralia, 2.50; Tacoma, Calvary, 2; Tacoma, Emmanuel, 5, 9.50

PUGET SOUND.—Port Townsend, 2.50

SOUTHERN OREGON.—Ashland, S.C.E., Jr., 5; Medford, 5, 10.00

Amount received since Sept. 19, 1893, $506.80
Total amount received since Apr. 1, 1893, $1,221.13

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